

Life of Charles Theron Van Dusen
by his sister, Mary L. Van Dusen
at the age of 84.

My dear Nettie and Charlie,

By your request, Nettie, I will try and write down a few incidents in your Father's life that may be of interest to you. He was born the 13th of August, 1838, in Byron, New York, where father was working his brother's farm. Soon after they moved to Fairport, N.Y. (she was born there) he commenced his school education at the age of 3—as Mother used to tell about his running away to a little school nearby, where the teacher made much of him, and if he got sleepy would lay him down on a bench when he would go to sleep. He caught words, etc., from the scholars. He was office boy in a Doctor's office after school hours. When quite a young boy. I can just remember it. Then a little later as water boy for some surveyors working in and outside the village. I can remember his coming home sometimes late to supper, tired, dirty, and hungry. This was extra outside of school hours. I seem to remember one night especially when he was quite late and one tired boy. Mother did not really like to have him do it. At about the age of 15 he left school and took a position as clerk in a drug store. Although from just a common district school, he had had higher arithmetic, bookkeeping, and Latin, which was of benefit to him in the drug store. We moved to Byron, I think, in 1855, for I was 14 that winter. Your father then took a position as clerk in the country store. When he was between 18 & 19 he wanted something better, so went to Rochester & got a position in a shoe store. I don't remember why he left there,

but I think it was because the business was given up. I know he was liked there, because I went to school with a daughter of the manager and know they thought well of him, but that was not his choice of business. He next went into a grocery store, from there as shipping clerk in a wholesale grocery store. After a while he started a little grocery for himself, which he gave up at much sacrifice to enlist in the war in 1862. He was made orderly sergeant of the company. They were in camp 3 months in Rochester. Your father had the drilling of the company. He was acting adjutant of the 8th N.Y. Cavalry, holding the rank from September 12th 1863, receiving commission February 13th, 1864. Promoted to Captain February 17, 1865. Held rank from October 31, 1864. Mustered out with regiment June 27, 1865.

The above, Nettie, is copied from some notes you sent me from Chicago, that Homer found from an 8th Cavalry report.

Your father was wounded twice, first a sabre cut on the wrist as he tried to ward off the blow, and on the face as he fell from his horse. The Rebel fell also, shot by one of your father's company who had seen the assault. The second time was a wound in the thigh, the day of Lee's surrender. He had a short furlough after he had been, I think, about 18 months in service, but spent the most of that time in joining the Masons. He came to Michigan, (Detroit) got a position as shipping clerk in I think Moore and Son. (I do not remember the initials), then to Burr & Leonards, for whom he traveled with tea, coffee, and spices.

This is just a summary of his business activities which you can see started when quite young. He was not given to idleness, was full of mischief like any live boy. I remember one prank, when he

was between 14 and 15. He dressed up in one of Mother's work dresses and an old shawl and bonnet and went to the Post Office and inquired for a letter for a certain Irish woman. I have forgotten the name, but he had an Irish name and the brogue all right. Of course, there was no letter there. The clerks did not know him, although one of them boarded with us and saw him at the table 3 times a day. He was very fond of outdoor sports, skating & boating. I think, Charlie, you have been told he was the first captain of the Excelsior Boat Club. I think he helped organize it. I find I neglected to say we moved to Rochester after he went there.

He met your mother at the Detroit Skating Rink, as you have known. They were married July 22nd, 1869. He was with Burr & Leonard until his health failed. In the early fall of 1873, his physician thought perhaps a few weeks at Mackinaw (Marquette on letters) would be of benefit. But it was too late in the season and the disease too strong a hold (contracted in the army) that he felt losing and longed to get home. Father met him and brought him home, where he died in the old home in Ypsi, November 2nd, 1873. I have tried to condense this sketch as much as possible, and still bring out what perhaps would be of the most interest to you in memories of your father. He was a good man, a good son, and dear, good brother, made many friends wherever he went.

Written by Aunt Mary August 17, 1925, with loving memories, and love for you both.

The 1864 Diary of C. T. Van Dusen

Rec'd this from Fred - Dec. 27, 1863

Chas. T. Van Dusen - Sergt. Major, 8th N.Y. Cav'y.
Promoted to Adjutant February 21, 1864.
("Captain later" - daughter's handwriting.)

Jan. Friday 1, 1864 — Such are the fortunes of war. After getting comfortably located, as we supposed for the winter, we had to break camp this A.M. at 8 o.c. near Culpeper. Mch'd to Rappahannock Station & halted for a short time, then mch'd to our old camp near Bealton. Halted for the night. Such terrible muddy going I never saw. Very cold & freezing at night.

Sat., 2 — Very cold. Moved out at 8 o.c. A.M. Ground frozen solid. Marched to Warrenton & went into camp. 3 squadrons sent on picket. We are here to relieve Gregg's Div(ision) which has gone to help Averill in the Valley. Very cold tonight. Bardwell in Warrenton.

Sun. 3 — Very clear & pleasant. Nothing occurred of importance. Laid in camp at Warrenton. Part of the Reg't. picketing the roads to Sulphur Springs, Winchester, New Baltimore & Waterloo roads.

Mon. 4 — Got up late. Mile & cloudy. Com(menced) snowing about noon & fell about 3 inches. Snowed hard till after dark. Stronger rec'd a letter from Hattie Soule, alias Olivia Cook. He is highly elated at it. I rec'd a letter from Nat Ellis and sister Mary.

Tues. 5 — Got up at 7 O.C. Stopped snowing and milder. About noon rec'd orders to be ready to march at a moment's notice. Reg't. saddled up, but we unsaddled again and staid all night. Bardwell came back to reg't.

Wed. 6 — Reveille at 5 O.C. Boots & saddles at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ O.C. Started about 8 O.C. for our old camp at Culpeper. Arrived there before dark. Found our chimneys destroyed and boards carried off. Roads frozen & slippery travelling. Mch'd nearly 30 miles.

Thurs. 7 — Cold & pleasant. Putting up chimneys at Hdqrs. Not much of importance. Worked a little in Col's. tent. Rec'd a letter from Mary and one from John. Wrote a short letter home. Col. Markell stopping at Brig. Hdqrs. Com'd. snowing. Strowger disch'd our nigger Louis.

Fri. 8 — Got up late worked nearly all day in Maj. B's. tent. Had my tent and chimney put up. Hanchett came to Hdqrs. as orderly yesterday. Nothing of import. Still in camp near Culpepper. Sent in tri. monthly. Rec'd letter from Hattie Ellis.

Sat. 9 — Slept very cold last night. Col. Markell stopping at Brig. Hdqrs. Veterans paid today. Rec'd letter from Mary & one from Hattie Soule. Wrote letter home. Maj. Benjamin rec'd ten days leave.

Sun. 10 — Mother very fine. Maj. Benjamin & Lt. Goodrich started for home on ten days leave. Reg't went on picket. Strowger sick. Not much work in office. Wrote to Hat Ellis & Coz. Hattie Soule. Cog (?) got citizens saddle.

Thurs. 14 — Built bunk in the office for myself.

Fri. 15 — Strowger went to hosp. sick with intermittant fever. Bardwell went to 2^d M dept. Sent monthly return to A.G.O. (of December 63)- his parentheses.

Sun. 17 — Beautiful day. Warm and pleasant.

Mon. 18 — Very rainy & muddy. 1st 3 squadrons went on picket. Hired the Darkey, London, to work for me at \$3 per month. Wrote to Eaton Hanford.

Tues. 19 — Cold and windy today. Had a floor put in my tent &

I am now just old comfortable. Capt. McNair's squad chased a squad of

Rebs near Thoroughfare Mountain. Wrote letter home. Bed very late.

Wed. 20 — Maj. Benjamin ret'd from leave this ev'g. He brought silver trumpet for Strowger.

Thurs. 21 — very pleasant today. Maj. Benjamin gave the Reb. Sgt. Major's Book to Dr. Van Ingen which I didn't like. Rec'd long letter from home of Milton Wilcox death.

Sat. 23 — Rec'd letter from Hattie Soule. Strowger rec'd one also.

Mond. 25 — Beautiful weather. Went to Culpepper. Saw Mrs. Griffin.

Tues. 26 — Beautiful weather. 3 first squadrons came in from picket. 3 last squadrons went on Reconnaissance to Robinson River. Got 4 prisoners. Rec. letter from home.

Wed. 27 — Beautiful weather. Our Reg't inspected today. Saw Mrs. Griffin at Brig. Hdqrs. Sent photographs home by her. 3rd Indiana had 11 men gobbled last night.

Thurs. 28 — Very warm today. Very dull in camp. Part of the Reg't went on scout to Thoroughfare Mt. Found nothing. Rec'd a letter from Mary. One from Hat Ellis & one from Dr. Van Ingen. Wrote to Hattie Soule.

Sat. 30 — Major Moore & 100 men went on Reconnaissance with 3rd Ind. & Regulars started at 12 this ev'g.

Sunday 31, — 1st 3 squadrons went on Picket. Maj. Moore came in with 12 prisoners. Hanchett shot a Reb.

Feb. Mon. 1 — Col Markell started for Washington on 20 days leave. Strowger sent to Washington sick with Fever & Ague. Rec'd letter from home. Father has got a Deed of the place.

Tues. 2 — Thunder shower this ev'g. Wrote letter home.

Wed. 3 — Rec'd letter from Lydia Fowler.

Fri. 5 — Wrote to Lydia Fowler.

Sat. 6 — Rec'd marching orders & our division went to Barnett's Ford, drove in Picket's at Robinson River. Had fight on Gen'l Madison's farm. Lost 3 killed and 6 wounded. Our Reg't was put in a bad place. Too few against a larger force. Camped near the place. Got a number of prisoners today.

Sun. 7 — Saddled up again about 7 o'clock & moved out again. Fought again on the same ground & succeeded in driving the Rebs across the River where they had 2 divisions of Infantry. We didn't cross. Started for camp about 1½ O.C. Reached camp 8 O.C. Rec'd letter from Hattie Soule.

Mon. 8 — Drew clothing. Sent Strowger's Description list. Received letter from sister Mary.

Thurs. 11 — Rec'd letter from Father on 14th inst. he says Mary was married to Eaton Hanford today.

Fri. 12 — Dick Jones & I went out to Mrs. Halls'. Saw the Hog eye wench.(?)

Sat. 13 — Beaut. day. Our division reviewed today. Thousands witnessed it. Great many ladies out. Wrote to Hattie Ellis & home.

Sun. 14 — B. day. Our division was reviewed today by Gen. Merritt.

Rec'd letter from home and Mary. M. was married on the 11th. Maj. Benjamin went home this morning.

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Mon. 15 — Our division & the 3rd were reviewed by Gen'l. Pleasanton. The line was over 3 miles long. Snow storm today.

Tues. 16 — Wrote letter to Father & Mother.

Wed. 17 — Terrible cold today. Hired the Darkey Con. to work for the Mess.

Thurs. 18 — Weather more moderate. Stebbins' tailor from Rochester & Chapin's son were here. I gave Stebbins my measure for a suit.

Sat. 20 — Beaut. day. Rec'd letter from Mary with photographs of Mother, Father, and Eaton. Very good ones. Our camp inspected by Gen'l Pleasanton. Wrote letter home.

Sun. 21 — Very pleasant. Col. Markell ret'd from leave & brought my Commission as Adjutant of 8" N.Y. Cav.

Mon. 22 — Beautiful day. Went to C. C. Hdqrs. to get disch'd. Must send application thru Hdqrs. Saw Graves from S (?) in 151" N.Y. Saw H. Bryan. Rec'd letter from Hattie Soule.

Tues. 23 — Beautiful day. Sent up my application for discharge. Rec'd letter from Lydia Fowler. Answered Lydia's letter.

Wed. 24 — Very pleasant but little windy. Our Division reviewed by Gen. Merritt. Got mastered as adjt. to date from the 21" Feby. rec'd letter from Father.

Thurs. 25 — Counted missing in Hdqrs. mess at supper.

Fri. 26 — Very windy. Paid Sutler Bill to Brown. \$15. which he says squares us up to date. Maj. Benjamin returned. Rec'd letter from Mary & one from Father. Wrote to Father.

Sat. 27 — Very pleasant. Infantry moving. 1" Corps passed our camp. It seems we are to be left here, as the rest of our Brig. has been ordered to report to Gen'l Kilpatrick. Wrote to Mary & Hattie Soule.

Sun. 28 — Very pleasant. Part of 3rd Corps passed, following the 1st Corps. to James City. Gen. Greggs Div. of Cavalry also passed in same direction.

Mon. 29 — Very pleasant. Col. Markells Resignation is accepted and he is discharged. Lt. Col. Benjamin can now be mustered. We rec'd orders about 7 O.C. P.M. to move the whole Reg't — and advance the picket line & patrol the Lower Robertson & Rapidan Rivers. Cont'd raining. I do not go out.

March 1864
Tues. 1 — rained all night. Col. Markell departed at 6 A.M. for home. I was not up to see him off. Stormy all day. Col. left his sabre and belt. I took possession of it. Wrote letter to Clara Hamilton.

Wed. 2 — Pleasant overhead. Wrote to Father & Col. Markell. Infantry & cavalry returning from reconnaissance. Our Reg't hit by Guerillas from Thoroughfare Mountain. Our Reg't came in after dark.

Thurs. 3 — Pleasant today. Gen' Custer has played the devil with Stuarts camps during the late movements. Nothing heard from Kilpatrick. Rec'd a letter from Father. Wrote to Father.

Fri. 4 — Very pleasant. Infantry moving. 6th Corps. passed our camp. It seems we are to be left here as the rest of our Brig. has been ordered out. Wrote to Mary and Hattie Soule. Veteran furloughs came today & the ordinance is being turned in.

Sat. 5 — Very pleasant. Veterans turning in horses & equipment. The duties of the whole Brigade now devolve upon our Reg't. & it is very hard as the veterans are to leave. Cap't. McNair gave shoulder straps. Rec'd. letter from Mary.

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Sunday 6 — Very pleasant. The Veterans started this A.M. Com'd going about 4 O.C. but did not leave Culpeper until 12 a.m. I went to Culp. today. Capt. Bliss ret. from leave & applied for 35 day leave & got it. Rec'd letter from Hattie Soule.

Mon. 7 — Very pleasant. Strowger ret'd from Camp Moody.

Tues. 8 — Wrote to Mary before breakfast. Rained till noon, then cleaned up. Farr came back & brought cap & valise for me & splendid sabre for Capt. McNair. Rec'd letter from Father.

Wed. 9 — Pleasant. Moody reported for duty as Sergt. Major. Not much of importance. Gardner, Maj. McClure fight. All went to Culpeper.

Thurs. 10 — Rainy this morning. The pickets of the regular brigade attacked by the enemy.

Fri. 11 — Terrible hail & thunder storm.

Sat. 12 — Pullis here from Rochester. Went to Cedar Mountain with him.

Sun. 13 — Sgt. Pope returned from leave. Brought my suit from Stebbins. Not such as I ordered.

Mon. 14 — Very pleasant. Sent in application for leave. Rec'd letter from Hat Ellis with photograph.

Tues. 15 — Wrote to Hat Ellis.

Wed. 16 — Very pleasant but cold. My application for leave returned disapproved.

Thurs. 17 — Very pleasant. Gardner went on 5 days leave. Rec'd orders to be in readiness to move at a moments warning. M. Cunfrile to see me today. Rec'd a letter from Mother and Hat Soule. Wrote a long letter to Mother.

Sun. 20 -- Maj. Pope came to Reg't. today. Is paroled but not exchanged.

Mon. 21 -- Rec.'d letter from Lydia & Mary. Com'd snowing very hard at dusk. Continued all night. Answered Lydia's letter. (This news belongs on the 22nd.)

Tues. 22 -- Maj. Pope started for home. Sent money to Stebbins by him.

Wed. 23 -- wrote to Mary.

Thurs. 24 -- made application for leave of absence. Parsons here to supper. Rec'd letter from Clara Hamilton.

Fri. 25 -- Very rainy this P.M. Rec. my leave of absence for 15 days.

Sat. 26 -- Started for home. Genl. Pleasanton Newton, Keyes, Kurley & others went to Washington on same train. I left Wash. at 7 O.C. got my pay as Sgt. Major for Jany. & Feby. Rainy. Bor'd \$50 of Bwitchy.

Sun. 27 -- Arrived in New York 7 oc. this P.M. No train out so I staid in town all day. Staid at Frenchs Hotel. Left for home via Harlem Road at 5 O.C. Arrived in Albany 8:40. Left for Roch' 10 O.C.

Mon. 28 -- Arrived in Roch'. 7 O.C. this A.M. Found Mother home alone & breaking up. They did not expect me. Rec.'d my first degree this ev'g.

Tues. 29 -- Got coat of Stebbins & McD.

Wed. 30 -- I called at Mrs. Perrys & Boyds.

1861 April, Fri. 1 -- Spencers folks move in & our folks had to move out. Stopped at Proctors.

Sat. 2 -- Went to Niagara Falls at 11:30 O.C. Met Mary at Susp. Bridge.

Sun. 3 -- Went to Lake with Fred. Called at Ellis. Rode out this ev'g. with Mrs. S. Had good time.

Mon. 4 — Rec'd the 2nd & 3rd Degrees tonight.

Thurs. 7 — Hattie Ellis came up & I carried(?) her home. Spent the Ev'g there with her & Gus.

Friday 8 — Went riding with Frankie Cogswell. She is a very fine girl.

Sat. 9 — Got horse and carriage at noon & Mary & I went calling.

Raining very hard. I spent the ev'g with Lydia. She is a very fine girl. Left our folks at Barnes. Started from Rochr. 12:45. tonight. Bliss, Brown, & Hanchett with me. Took sleeping car.

Sun. 10 — Arrived in Albany 7:45. Started for N.Y. via Hudson R.R. at 8:40. Arrived in N.Y. 3:40. Put up at Metropolitan. Splendid scenery along Hudson. Left N.Y. for Washington at 8 O.C. Eating car in the train.

Mon. 11 — arrived in Washington 6 O.C. No train for the front. Got to stay all day. Saw all the officers & veterans. Went to Ford's Theater in ev'g.

Tues. 12 — took boat at 8 O.C. for Alexandria. Left W. at 11:40 for the front. Arrived in Culpeper at 5 O.C. Found Haddie there with my horse. Found Reg't where I left it, but camp very muddy. Wrote to Parents & to Lydia.

Wed. 13 — got up Reveille. Very foggy. Capt. Barry here. M. Canfield and J. Aldridge here today. Cave C. his boots. Capt. Parsons here. 100 men ordered out. Maj. Moore returned. Wrote to John & Cliff.

Thurs. 14 — very pleasant. Cap't. Bliss ret'd from scout. Captured 3 men & horses. Thomas made me a bridle.

Fri. 15 — Thomas & Ed Price beautifully drunk. Bwitchy left Bag

& Baggage. Dr. Ellenwood of Roch. here. Dress Parade. Wrote to Frank Cogswell.

Sat. 16 -- Rainy today. No guards out. No dress parade. Wrote to Fred Brigham.

Sun. 17 -- Very pleasant. Drs. Ellenwood & Crocker here. Our Brig. is transf'd to 3rd Div.

Mon. 18 -- Rec'd orders to be ready to move camp at 10 O.C. tomorrow. Wrote home.

Tues. 19 -- Broke camp today. Moved over to 3rd Division. Gen'l. Custer with his Mich. Brigade took our place. We are now 2d Brig. 3d Div. We took the camp of the 5th Mich. Good quarters but low ground.

Wed. 20 -- Nothing of importance. 9 officers played ball with 9 of Enl. men. Officers beat them 41 to 22. Had Dress parade. Wrote letter home.

Thurs. 21 -- M. Canfield & Goodrich here. Pretty drunk. Rec'd letter from Cliff.

Fri. 22 -- Beautiful day. Our Division & the 2d Corps reviewed by Gen. Grant. He is a fine looking man.

Sat. 23 -- Moody left for Baltimore with men for Navy. Rec'd orders to move but didn't move.

Sun. 24 -- Very pleasant. Moved into camp of 1st Vermont Cavy. Fixed up fine cabin for myself. Rec'd letter from F. Cogswell & Hattie Soule & paper from home.

Mon. 25 -- Rained hard last night. Pleasant today. Rec'd orders to be ready to move. Rec'd letter from Lydia. Wrote to Lydia. Frank Cogswell & Cliff.

Tues. 26 -- All quiet. Col. Benjamin Comdg. Brig.

Thurs. 28 -- Very pleasant. Horse race between "pointer & Burnside horse". Burnside won but not fairly. Rec'd a letter from home.

Fri. 29 -- Very pleasant today. Took 6 pills. Moved camp on the hill near Sturabury. Our division is all in the open field close together. Moody ret'd. Rec'd a letter from Hat Ellis. Wrote home.

Sat. 30 -- Went over to Reynolds Battery with Asa Goodrich. Made monthly return for Brig. Hdqrs. Dr. Van Ingen is here.

1862 May, Sun. 1 -- very Pleasant(?). Worked on monthly returns. Maj. Moore got a blowing from Gen'l Wilson about Dress Parade.

Mon. 2 -- Pleasant. Finished monthly & sent it to our Division.

Reviewed today by Genl. Wilson. After we got in camp the most terrible tornado that I ever witnessed came upon us. We saw it coming from the mountains. First wind & ended in rain. Blew down nearly every tent in camp. Mine stood it. Letter from Mary.

Tues. 3 -- Learned that Infantry will march at 12 tonight. We rec'd marching orders 9:30 this P.M. Boots & saddles at 11 O.C. Broke camp at 12. Our Div. marched to Germania Ford. The whole army moves at 12 tonight.

Wed. 4 -- Arrive at Germania Ford & charged across at 4 O.C. a.m. Enemy only fired one shot. Mch'd until 3 p.m. & camped on the old Battlefield of Chancellorsville, on the Fredericksbg & Orange C. K. Plank road. The place is called Parkers Store.

Thurs. 5 -- Started out at 5 oclock. Marched to Donaldsville where we drew up in a field to rest & the enemy charged on us. 1st Vermont broke. Then on to Craigs church. After a while the enemy advanced in heavy force and routed us. Bad Generals like to charge. We then

fell back to Godets Tavern. The enemy followed us. Gregg came up

and engaged. Then drove them back. Heavy firing towards the River this P.M. Staid at Godets Tavern. Our loss is 25 men and Capt. Mc _____ missing.

Fri. 6 — called out about 1 O.C. & went out on the road west of

? Staid an hour or so. Then went to Piney Grove church. Planted batteries & took position. Saw nothing. Then went within 1 mile of Chancelorsville. Draw supplies then relieved Gen. Merritt on Picket at Pine Grove church. Staid till dark. Then went to Chancellorsville & camped for the night. Tremendous Infantry fight between old Wilderness & Parkers Store. Our loss is Terrible. Gen'l Wadsworth & 3 or 4 others killed. We had our fighting today. Got to bed at 10 Oclock.

Sat. 7 — Reveille at 3 A.M. Saddelled up & remained there until noon. Camped in a butcher shop. We started for Aldsops on the Fredericksburg road. Got somewhat mixed up. Gregg gave the enemy a thrashing. We got one. Left just in time to prevent his being flanked. We then fell back to camp 4 miles from Spottsylvania. Many complaints about the Generalship in our Division.

Sun. 8 — Got up 5 O.C. Slept well. Moved out at a little after 6 to Spottsylvania Court House. The 1st Brig. had a fight there. Captured a number of 3rd Ver. Cavy. & some of Longstreets Inftry. His is on the right fighting the 5th Corps. At 2:00 P.M. fell back to near Alltops & camped.

Mon. 9 — Reveille at 5 O.C. left camp at 5 O.C. with the whole Cavalry Corps com'd by Gen'l Sheridan. "On to Richmond." The advance (1st. Div.) and flankers & rear had several skirmishes. Took several prisoners.

Gen'l Custer went to Beaverdam Station, destroyed a great amount of of the enemy's supplies & recaptured 290 of our prisoners, also took several ambulances & wagons. We camped at Ford on the North.

Tues. 10 -- Reveille at 3 O.C. Rebs com'd shelling us at 4:30.

The 1st Brig. held them back until we crossed. About 2000 captured, muskets burned. Marched to South Anna & camped in ? there at 6 O.C. P.M.

Wed. 11 -- Got up at 3 O.C. Started out at 6 O.C. Rebs pitched into us. Wickams Brig. in front and Lomas's in rear at Yellow Tavern. 7 miles from Richmond have a hard fight. Custer charged & took 2 guns & 150 prisoners -- gave the enemy a severe thrashing & then camped until 12 O.C. & then we started on for Richmond. 2 torpedos exploded in 1st Vermont. No damage. Rainy.

Thurs. 12 -- at 4 O.C. this a.m. we halted within the fortifications of Richmond. 2 miles from the city. The enemy opened on us with shell & grape & canister. Hurt us badly. Put our men in Rifle Pits & held them. We are in great danger. (Rained hard today.) Are completely surrounded but we hold our ground. Custer charged Meadow Bridge, dismounted & carried it. I went through to the right with skirmishers & saw the Fort but it is empty. It is a splendid farm where we fought. Lt. Taylor is supposed to be a prisoner. If it had been any object we might have taken the city. Our loss today is 2 officers, 5 more missing and 6 men wounded. Crossed the Chickahominy at Meadow bridge & camped at Mechanicsville.

Fri. 13 -- Waked up at 3 o.c. Left camp at 9 or 10 o.c. Marched

through the 2nd position at Mechanicsville, through Gaines Mills, Gaines House, White oak swamp. Crossed several branches of the Chichominy & the Railroad at Dispatch Station. Marched around & camped near Bottom Bridge on the north side. Arrived at this place about 5 oclock. The men are entirely destitute of rations. Saw no enemy. Heard heavy firing in the direction of Fort Darling. Showers of rain today.

Sat. 14 -- Waked up at 4 o.c. Left camp about 7 o.c. Marched over the road & fields of McClellans 7 days fight. Crossed Bottoms Bridge, White Oak Swamp, Nelson's farm and camped on Malvern Hill at 6 o.c. P.M. Our Hdqrs. are in the same place where McClellan had his. We have a splendid view of James River. Saw the first Monitor. Three shells thrown at us from up the river. One of them struck in our camp. It is the largest I ever saw, about 100 pounder. Thrown by our folks through mistake. Camped & will stay all night. Wrote a line home.

May 1864
Sun. 15 -- Got up after daylight. Left Malvern Hill about 9 O.c. & went to Haxalls Landing on the James River. Arrived there about 10:30 o.c. A.M. Drew forage & rations from a transport. We are camped within a stone's throw of the Landing. Remained here in camp the rest of the day. Terrible rain storm came up.

Mon. 16 -- Pleasant this A.M. Capt. Sayles reported for duty & assigned to command of M. Co. We are still in camp at Haxalls Landing. Drew forage & rations & a ration of whiskey. Ordered to be ready to move tomorrow morning. I went bathing in the James River after tattoo.

Tues. 17 -- got up 5:30. Very pleasant. We still lie at Haxalls Landing. Sadelled up & ready to move at 1 O.C. Order countermanded & we camped again. Wrote a line to Lydia. At dusk we were ordered out. Marched all night in the direction of New Kent C.H.

Wed. 18 -- Halted about 5 o.c. A.M. for breakfast. Fed & started on. Crossed the Chicahominy at Fords Crossing near the house of Wm. Jourdan. Terrible rainstorm today. Very slow marching. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile per hour. Halt nearly every 5 minutes. Arrived at Shunnicks village or Olive church about 10 O.C. & camped.

Thurs. 19 -- Left Olive church about 7 o.c. Marched to Baltimore Cross Roads & went into camp. Got a camp nearly laid out when we rec'd orders to move on picket with the Regt. Moved out on the Bottoms Bridge road & picketed. Severe rainstorm. Great movement of pillaging going on. Corps camped at Baltimore Cross Roads. Stay here all night.

Fri. 20 -- Drew in our pickets about 7 O.C. & started to join the Brigade at Baltimore Crossroads. Got there & they were gone. We moved on. Took the Richmond road. Came up with the Division about noon. Went into camp about 2 o.c. 15 miles from Richmond between Meadow & Bottoms Bridges. The country is ruined. The 2d Division has robbed it. Our Division guarded the houses along the march. Camped here for the night. Near Coal (~~Gold~~) Harbor.

Sat. 21 -- Got up 5 o.c. No disturbance last night. Beautiful & clear weather. Ordered to saddle up. Remained saddled till nearly noon & then unsaddled again & camped. We are out of rations & forage & living on the country again. Everybody is foraging.

We were somewhat alarmed about our servants but they came in about dark.

Sun. 22 — Boots & saddles at 2 oclock a.m. Moved at 3 o.c. Marched to White House by way of Funstalls Station. Arrived at the landing at 10 O.C. A.M. Camped in the field where the Lancers & a N.Y. Reg't. made a charge in Strength. A great many graves here. One is Major Van Valkenburg 1st N.Y. Art'ly. We drew forage & rations. The 1st Div. has built a bridge across the River. Their loss during this campaign has been 600 men. I went bathing in the Pamunky with other officers.

Mon. 23 — Reveille at 5 O.C. The 1st Div. crossed last night & the 2d are now crossing. 8 O.C. a.m. We are saddled up. We crossed Bridges at White House at noon. Marched through Indian Town, Lanesville, a cemetery & King William C. H. Very warm and dusty. 48 horses played out & shot between the river & our camp. Camped about 2 miles from Ayletts. We have marched parallel with River nearly all day. We camped in a splendid piece of woods. Very heavy cannonading in the direction of Grant's army.

Tues. 24 — Cool breeze this morning. Reveille before daylight. Found lots of cactus growing in our camp. Started out at 6 O.C. Marched through Ayletts. Large machine shops all destroyed. Great many contrabands coming in. Very warm & dusty. My horse got the thrumps. About 60 horses played out in the camps. Took the Road to Bowling Green. Moh'd to White Chimneys & camped.

Wed. 25 — Reveille at 4 O.C. Boots & saddles at 5 O.C. Left camp about 7 O.C. Marched to Chesterfield Station, where we found

our army. Saw some of the men we recaptured at Beaver Dam station.

We went into camp about 2 miles from Chesterfield. Rec'd a mail.

I rec'd 10 letters & 1 paper, 3 from home, 1 from Lydia, 1 from Cliff, 1 from John, Frank Cogswell, Hattie Soule & 2 official. Very warm today.

Thurs. 26 — Reveille at 5 O.C. Boots & saddles at 7 O.C. Rain storm. Moved out at 10 O.C. Crossed the North Anna at Jericho's Mills. Near General Grant's Hdqrs. & where Hancock fought night before last. Went to Noils(?) Turn on the R. & G. Railroad & tore up the track until 11 p.m. Then went to Butlers Bridge on the No. Anna & crossed back to the north side. Halted near the bridge till morning. We are making a demonstration to cover movements of the 6th Corps.

Fri. 27 — Moved out at 6 O.C. Mch'd to New Jericho Mills & picketed along the river. Relieved the Infantry. Rebel pickets on the opposite bank. Staid till after dark then went to Chesterfield station & camped for the night.

Sat. 28 -- Reveille at 2:30. Moved out at 4 O.C. Marched over the road past White Chimneys where we camped on the Road. The road is strewn with dead horses. Mch'd past Concord Church. We are covering the rear of the army. Mch'd about 15 miles today. Camped near Mongohick.

Sun. 29 — Reveille at 4 O.C. Marched to Mechanicsville & a mile beyond. Went into camp. The army train is passing. Our wagon came up. In coming here we left Ayletts to the left.

Mon. 30 -- We got a good sleep last night. I have a touch of the dysentary. We started out at noon. Crossed the Pamunkey. The army train is parked on the South side. ~~We marched to the right toward~~

Hanover C. H. The 5rd Indiana skirmished with the enemy across the creek in the afternoon. We fell back across it & left a Battalion in the Rifle Pits. Major Pope joined us today. Very dusty traveling.

Tues. 31 — Had a good sleep last night. The 1st Brigade came up & passed on to the front. Heard them fighting toward the Hanover C.H. Draw supplies. Moved out a little after dark. Halted & picketed 2 miles from Hanover C. H. connecting with Gen'l Wright the right of our army. Laid all night in a ploughed field. Got very little sleep.

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June Wed. 1 — Moved back about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Dr. Price's place, called Dundee. Destroyed Railroad. Our Rgt. & the 5rd N.J. left here alone. The Div. has gone to Hanover C. H. They are fighting. We are picketting & patrolling. Heard very distant cannonading. Heavy infantry fight at Coal (~~Coal~~) Harbor. We are near the Residence of Geo. Cuse, formerly of Rochester.

Thurs. 2 — Discouraging reports of the doings of our Div. yesterday. Another Craigs church affair only worse. Staid near the house of Mr. Winston until noon then moved out to Mr. Hills about 1 mile. Remained there until 7 O.C. p.m. then ordered in. Left Winstons about 9 O.C. Marched back over the road we came here on. Hard rain storm this P.M. Moh'd. until about 3 O.C. a.m.

Fri. 3 — Arrived at Old Church within the lines of our Army about 3 this a.m. Saw Crooks Regt. 22nd Cav. We marched out at 6 o.c. Encountered the enemy at Pates Shop & church. They opened on us with heavy cannonading and grape & cannister. Our Regt. in the advance, Col. Benjamin & Lt. Burroughs wounded. Col. Preston & Capt.

Crisheusen (?) 1st. Vt. killed. We had 1 killed, 8 wounded, 2 missing. We drove the enemy. Fell back & camped after dark. Severe Infantry fight on our left.

Sat. 4 — Got up at 4:30. Marched to Hanover Town. Arrived there after dark last night & camped. Rec'd. mail. 2 letters from home & 1 from Lydia. Wrote to Lydia & home. Laid at Hanover Town.

Sun. 5 — Got up after daylight. Laid over Hanover Town all day.

Mon. 6 — Reveille at 3 O.C. Orders to march at 4 o.c. Mch'd at 8 O.C. through Old Church C. H. to Bottoms Bridge & went into camp. Rec'd letter from home dated May 31.

Tues. 7 — Laid at Bottoms Bridge. Infantry relieved 2 Bataillions of our Reg't. Inf. throwing up breastworks. Rebs shelling them. Wrote letter home. Com'd diary to Lydia.

Wed. 8 — Still lying at Bottoms Bridge. I did not get up to Reveille. Major Pope down to pickets all night. Got in at 4 O.C. I wrote a long letter 7 pages to Lydia. Moved at 4 O.C. to camp near Long Bridge. Put up wallhut. First time since campaign opened.

Thurs. 9 — Got up before Reveille. Making my monthly return for May. We lay in camp near Long Bridge picketing the Chickahominy. Wrote to Cliff.

Fri. 10 — Very pleasant in camp. 4 miles from Long Bridge.

Sat. 11 — Very pleasant. Getting dusty. Remained in lines near Long Bridge. Finished monthly returns & sent it in to A.G.O.

Dr. Van Ingan arrived. Says Lt. Taylor was killed at Richmond. Rec'd. letter from Lydia. Wrote home.

Sun. 12 — Very dusty but not warm. Divine service by Dr. Van Ingan. Wrote to Lydia. Ordered to be ready to move. Trains ordered to White House. Marched at 7 O.C. to Bradleys Ford. The 5th Corps. coming up with us. Crossed the ford with 3 squadrons dismounted and 1 mounted. Mch'd to Long Bridge. Arrived about 3 O.C.

Mon. 13 — Stopped at the house of a Pennsylvania lady & her sister. Marched again about 6 O.C. to Charles City Cross Roads where we encountered the enemy. The balance of our Brig. crossed at Long Bridge last night and were fighting as we came up. We had a terrible fight all day. Drove them handsomely at first but towards evening A. P. Hills Corps Infantry came up and we are compelled to fall back. Our Infantry will not stand. Our loss is 22. Found 23 dead Rebs. Marched to Meadow Green, arrived about 2 O.C. a.m. & camped.

Tues. 14 — Started out early. Marched towards Harrisons Landing. We are covering the rear of the army which passed yesterday. Marched to Harrisons Ldg. Enemy attacked our pickets in small force. We drove them off, then marched toward Haxalls Landing. Camped at the end of that road. 4 miles from that place very careful about fires, etc. in camp.

Wed. 15 — A part of our Brig. (our Rgt. 1st Vt. & 22d N.Y.C.) with Col. Chapman (?) made Reconnaissance to Haxall & Malvern Hill with 2 Squadrons of our Regt. Their army & train is passing towards Richmond. Here beyond hill they threw out stronger force & repulsed us. Our object accomplished we fell back to camp. Enemy following 2 miles. 2nd. N.Y.C. run. We lost 2 killed, 1 wounded, 2 missing.

Thurs. 16 — Camped at this place 4 miles east of Malvern Hill. Remained all day. I wrote home. Strawger & Follett came in. They

staid out beyond our lines watching movements of the enemy. We started at Dusk. Mch'd to Charles City Co. House & beyond. Arrived in camp about 2 O.C. I slept about an hour.

Fri. 17 -- Started out at 5 O.C. Crossed the James River at Powhattan Point in pontoons. Largest pontoon bridge ever laid in this country. 2060 feet long. River full of vessels & gunboats. Saw the Rebel Ram Atlanta. Saw Warfield & Schooley of the 50th(?) Engineers. We land near the River until 2 O.C. when we marched to the Prince George Co. Hse. & camped 12 at night. Co. House & records destroyed. Very warm today.

Sat. 18 -- Marched back towards Blackwater Creek at 5 O.C. Camped in woods. Remained all day. Terrible heavy firing in direction of Petersburg.

Sun. 19 -- In camp between Blackwater & Fr. George Court House very pleasant today. Wrote to Frank Cogswell. Rec'd letter from home. I am not feeling well today. Rec'd orders to prepare for an action campaign of 10 days. Sending sick and extra baggage to the rear.

Wed. 22 -- Reveille at 2 Oclk. Marched at 3:30. Gen'l Kautz Div. moving with us in advance. I am sick and rode in ambulance. Very hard march all day. Marched nearly 40 miles. Enemy charged on our rear. The 22nd N.Y.C. We burned cotton, etc. Mch'd. to Fords Station on South side R.R. Destroyed 2 engines & cars. Camped near the station.

Thurs. 23 -- Waked up at 2 o.c. Mch'd at 2:30. Marched to Bucks & Whites Station on P. & L. R.R. where we halted for dinner. Started out and met enemy about 3 miles beyond & had a very hard fight.

I worked in Hosp. our loss heavy. Our Reg't had 4 killed, 19 wounded, 8 missing, 2 sunstruck. Capt. McNair killed. We held the position all night. Our Reg't laid on the skirmish line all night.

Fri. 24 — Moved out very early. Changed our direction. Gen. Kautz destroyed Berksville Junction. He is moving along the Danville R.R. & we are cutting across the country to connect with him. We struck the R.R. at Maharin. Terrible warm and horses playing out. We are praying for rain. Halted & camped for the night at Keysville.

Sat. 25 — Marched little after daylight. Keysville Station destroyed. Marched through D__kes Branch toward the Little Roanoke River, where the enemy attacked our rear about 5 p.m. Had a little skirmish with them. We laid on the skirmish line until 1 O.C. a.m. in night. Kautz is beyond us toward Staunton River.

Sun. 26.--- Marched at 1 O.C. a.m. Crossed the little Roanoke River at Daybreak. Marched through Christiansville where we found a great quantity of corn put up for the C. army. Terrible warm & dusty. Marched to South Hill where we camped at dusk. Have had a very long & tedious march. A great many horses abandoned.

Mon. 27 — Crossed the Maharin River at Staffolds Bridge at 7 O.C. a.m. Our Brig. & our Reg't in advance. Met the enemy at Columbia Grove. We deployed & remained until the whole division passed to the right. Kautz relieved us & we went on. Marched about 30 miles today & camped between Lewisville & Lawrenceville at 11 O.C. P.M.

Tues. 28 — Resumed the March at 5 a.m. Going via Smoky ordinary. Nottaway River at Wyatts House. I foraged all the P.M. We engaged the enemy at Stoney Creek station. The 1st Brig. in advance.

Fighting hard. Reb force of Infantry & Cavalry. We throw up breastworks & lay all night in them. I went back to fell trees & burials.

Wed. 29 -- Our 1st Brig. & Kautz moved to the left to Reams Station, leaving our Brig. to cover rear. The Rebs flanked us & got among our led horses & cut off our dismounted men. I was at the barricade & took the night road to Reams. Col. Chapman & a number of our men joined us there. Kautz fighting at Reams. Maj. Pope, Moore, & nearly all our officers & over 150 men are still back. Cut off our artillery & ammunition train & ambulances with wounded were abandoned. The Rebs charged our rear as we moved back causing great stampede. Marched all night at a Gallup. Crossed the Nottaway at Wyatts.

Thurs. 30 -- Crossed the R.R. at Jarretts Station at daybreak. No enemy. Crossed the Nottaway at Peters Bridge. Halted and got supper at Littleton then on to a Blunts Bridge on Blackwater. Our regt. having the advance. Crossed R.R. at Waverly. Halted near B. Bridge.

1864 July, Fri. 1 -- Moved on to Cabin Point on Birch River. Halted there. Nearly noon. We are now inside our lines on the line of telegraph. Remained here all day for rest.

Sat. 2 -- Resumed the march at 4 O.C. Mch'd to ____ City Point.

Found no good camp & came back 2 or 3 miles. Camped near the James River near Light House Point. City Point in the open field. The whole corps is here. Maj. Pope & Moore & 52 men came in.

Sun. 3 -- The loss of our Regt. during the raid is 1 officer (Capt. McNair) killed, 5 missing, 5 men killed, 21 wounded -- 11 wounded & prisoners, & 96 missing, making a total casualties of 139.

Mon. 4 -- Remained in camp. Very hot & dusty.

Tues. 5 — Still here in camp. Maj. Pope making me a great deal of unnecessary labor & it is hindering me with my monthly return. Maj. Pope told me to apply for an order to send me to Washington. Which surprised me.

Wed. 6 — Maj. P. made application for me to be sent to Washington. I rec'd a leave of absence for 5 days about noon.

Thurs. 7 — Started from camp soon after reveille for City Point. Left City Point by mail boat at 10 O.C.A.M. Beautiful trip. Stopped 20 minutes at Fortress Monroe at 1 P.M. The only stoppage between City Point and Washington.

Fri. 8 — Arrived in Washington at 8 A.M. Bought clothing. Got my own and Maj. Pope's pay. Looked all business on my memoranda. Worked very hard. Very warm. I stopped at the Kirkwood House. Went to Canterbury. It is very vulgar.

Sat. 9 — Worked hard all day getting matters together. Went ev'g with Jennings to Columbian Gardens. Met Tea (?) Party of 36. Took beer. From there went to 14th St. South. Had a good time.

Sun. 10 — Took dinner with H.W. Jennings. Visited Lt. Hutchinson of V.R. Corp. He & I visited Geo. Putnam & family in Georgetown & took tea. Great stir among troops. V.R.C. & all going to meet the Raiders in Maryland.

Mon. 11 — Was ordered to report to Military Governor for duty. Did so & he excused me to join my Reg't. Left Washington at 2 P.M. by steamer Caroline Vanderbilt to join my Reg't.

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Tues. 12 — Arrived at Fortress Monroe at 6 A.M. Remained until 10 A.M. I went partly through the Fort. Saw a General Mounting

some very heavy guns. Lincoln Gun weighs 49099 #s. Shell weigh 440 to 460. Arrived at City Point at 6 O.C. Found my horse waiting.

Wed. 15.-- Col. Pope mighty cross and making extra work as usual. Wrote letter home.

Thurs. 14 -- Nothing of importance today. There is a great deal of sickness in camp.

Fri. 14 -- Wrote to Cliff asking for Certificate. Also wrote to Col. Benjamin in answer to one rec'd from him this A.M. I have an attack of dysentary today.

Tues. 19 -- raining very hard. Rec'd orders to move at 11 oc.

Moved at 10 O.C. Cleared up a little. Our Brig. only moves.

Mch'd through Fr. George Co. House to Jerusalem Plank road and down to Temples, arriving near there after dark & camped for the night. Crossed the R.R. on the Lees Mill Road where the colored troops are picketing.

Wed. 20 -- Reveille at 3 O.C. Boots & saddles at 4 O.C. Moved out & relieved Col. Devius Brig. on picket at Temples. Our Reg't relieved the 17th Pa. Cav. Maj. Pope sent me to patrol the roads beyond our lines & to the R.R. I went to the colored troops. We are picketing the extreme left of our army. Col. Chapman had a narrow escape at the picket line.

Thurs. 21 -- All quiet last night. Some infantry firing. Maj. Pope called me up at 4 O.C. & sent me out to the pickets for a report. Sent patrol to Lees Mill at 3 O.C. I went out on the lines again during the day. All very quiet. Heavy firing on the Infantry lines last night.

Fri. 22 — I got up some time after Maj. Pope. I went out to the infantry trenches. Went along the line of the 5th Corps to the fort. Our men and the Rebs are walking around in the fields. At the fort they are almost within stones throw. I staid some time at Reynolds Battery. Saw aids of Rich'd. All very quiet except on Burnside's lines. I went out on the Picket lines at 6 oc. New line established.

Sat. 23 — got up at daybreak & went out on the lines. Stayed at Mrs. Newells about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour waiting for milk etc. The Rebs attacked our patrol near Lees Mill wounding 2 and capturing 4 men of Co. "K". The Michigan Brig. relieved us at noon, in going to camp Col. Chapman took us 3 miles out of our way. Took a new camp on the River Bank.

Sun. 24 — Rec'd letter from home last ev'g. & l this A.M. I answered 4 letters of Inquiry. Also wrote home & to Lydia. Rec. letter from Cliff enclosing my M. M. certificate. He tells me that Fred's Mother is dead. Took a fine bath in the river. Commc'd raining at dusk and rained hard in Ev'g. Bed at 12.

Mon. 25 — Rained all night & wind blowing a gale. Stopped raining but it is quite cool. Wrote to Cliff Gifford. Rec'd orders about 6 to move on picket to Pr. George Ct. House. Moved after dusk with the 3rd Ind. Arrived about Midnight. Went into camp.

Tues. 26 — At 4 O.C. this morning relieved the 8th Pa. Cavy. I went over the lines. Saw some young ladies. Our line runs through the camp where we were when we started on the Raid to Staunton River. Two videtts across the Black water. Spent an hour or two at M. Shacklefords.. Lady played several pieces on the piano for me.

Wed. 27 -- Very dull today. I looked over the old papers in the Co. House. Found some as old as 1723 and a great many of George the seconds time. I did not go out of camp today. Rec'd the first order from Brig. Gen'l Chapman.

Thurs. 28 -- got up at 4 O.C. Rode around the right of our line. Very dull through the day. Maj. Pope & I called on Mr. Shackelford. Miss S. played the piano. Mrs. Matthews did not show herself.

Friday 29 -- got up before 4 O.C. Very warm today. 1st. Vt. Cav. came out & relieved us. We started for camp about noon. got in camp & found orders to move at once. Had arms, etc. to issue. Did not get started until 6:30. Marched through Pr. Geo. Ct. Houst at 9 O.C. & to Westbrook house where we camped for the night.

Sat. 30 -- Terrible cannonading comc'd at Petersburg at daylight. It broke out all at once like a peal of thunder & continue. We marched out & the whole division deployed as skirmishers towards the R.R. Saw enemys pickets but did not engage them. Drew in at noon & camped near Plank Road. The Explosion was the main spring. We were to attack the left but Sheridan did not come up.

Sun. 31 -- laid in camp until about 5 when we rec'd orders to relieve the 1st. Vt. Cav. on Picket at the Williams House. I slept in the hall of the house.

1864 Aug. Mon. 1 -- I started at 5:30 for City Point to get supplies for the mess. Went around the rear of the army. Came back same way. Saw spires of Petersburg. Stopped at Reynolds Battery. Found the Brigade picketing at Lees Mills. I got to the Reg't at dusk.

Tues. 2 -- very poor place for water for both horses & men.

Wed. 3 -- Still picketing at Lees Mills. Made my Monthly Return for July.

Thurs. 4 -- Rec'd letter from Lydia. Rec'd orders to march at dusk. Started out about 11 O.C. & mch'd to McAnns. Kautz Divn. relieved us.

Fri. 5 -- Called up at daybreak. Got breakfast & mch'd to City Point to embark for Washington. Some person stole my sabre & belt last night. Wrote to Lydia.

Sat. 6 -- 1st Brigade not all shipped yet. Rec'd letter from home & from Gus. Wrote to Gus, Hattie Ellis & Hattie Soule.

Sun. 7 -- Had Inspection this A.M. Very warm. 1st Brig. finished shipping. I wrote letter home.

Mon. 8 -- 22nd New York & 1st N.H. & 3rd Ind. shipped this A.M.

Lt. Mathews & Maj. Pope went to Washtn. with Maj. Moore (22nd. N.Y.)

I wrote to Mrs. Sanford at Rochester. Embarked this P.M. on steamship John River. Lay in stream all night.

Wed. 10 -- Passed Mt. Vernon 11 O.C.A.M. Arrived at Grisboro Point 12:15. Found Rngers Squadron & Myers unloaded. Col. not here.

He arrived in the P.M. Reg't all up except ____ very warm.

Fri. 12 -- Got up at 5:30. Called on 13th sq. then went to pay Martin & get my Pay for July. Capt. Compson & I went back to camp at noon. The rest came straying in all day. Feeling very old. Marched at 7 O.C. through Washington, Georgetown, crossed Chain Bridge & camped with the Divn. at 2 O.C. about a mile beyond. I called at 480. We have miserable Div. train. Green mules & drivers.

Sat. 13 -- got up 6. Started for Washington at 8 oc. Took Ed. & Quayfe. Bought mess kit in Georgetown & then went to Washington. Saw Trisner. Very warm. Staid until after 3c. Went back to Reg't. The Div. on the point of moving. Very hard rain storm at dusk. Marched to Drainsville, arrived at 1 oc. & camped. Rec'd. letter from Hattie Soule. Gay. My birthday.

Sun. 14 — Remained at Drainsville all the day. Wagon train passing all the day. Terrible poor mules & drivers in train. Quite heavy squall of wind & rain.

Mon. 15 — Reveille at 3 oc. Marched at 4 oc. to Goose Creek. Arrived & camped at 1:30 O.C. Marched again about 3 o.c. through Leesburg. Small party of Rebs at Fort. Beauregard. I went up to Fort Johnson, fine view from there. Saw Balls Bluff & Potomac. Marched to Percyville & camped.

Tues. 16 — Reveille at 3 oc. Marched at 4 o.c. through Snickers Gap. Crossed the Shenandoah River at Berrys Ford. Halted till 3 oc. Mch'd through Berryville (where the first man of our Reg't was killed in 1812) & camped about 2 miles from town on the Pike. Halted several times. Today Capt. Scoville joined Reg't.

Wed. 17 — Reveille at 3. Mch'd at 4 o.c. through White Post. Arrived at Winchester at 1 o.c. Formed line of Battle, threw out mounted skirmishers. Brigade of Infantry in front. Our line is over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long. About 6 o.c. we fell back through town. Enemy charged & captured 500 or 600 Infantry & a squadron of 1st N.H. Cav. is missing. We moved back 3 or 4 miles & camped for the night. Enemy moving on the flank toward Berryville.

Thurs. 18 — Reveille at 4 oc. Moved out at 5 oc. Rained very hard. Mch'd to Summit Point. Our 1st Brig. & the 1st Div. are in line of Battle. We formed line on their right & unsaddled. The enemy following us on the flanks from Winchester. Our Reg't. guarded the R.R. through this country when they were dismounted in 1812. Remained here in line in camp.

Fri. 19 — Still in camp & in line on Mr. Thompsons farm at Summit Point. Sent out scouting parties to Wadesville & Smithfield. Saw few Rebs & Reb pickets. Remained all day. Slight rain. Rec'd mail but none for me. Wrote home.

Sat. 20 — No movement yet. Still in line on Thompsons Farm. Maj. Pope went out with 200 men toward Smithfield & Opequaw Crk. Drove in pickets & had two horses wounded. Sent out 3 scouts, Sterns & Shuller "E" Co. & Hoag "G" Co. If successful they will be in tomorrow morn.

Sun. 21 — Enemy attacked Maj. Moores at Smithfield. Drove him & then attacked the whole line surrounding us all but one road to Charleston. We fell back to that place arriving 9:11 o.c. P.M. Hdqrs. Took supper at Mrs. Bell's Hotel. Slightly engaged today. No loss.

Mon. 22 — Saddled up at 3 O.C. Enemy attacked about 5 O.C. Infantry fell back to Harpers Ferry last night. We skirmished a while & fell back to same place. We have a very heavy force of cavalry here. Very heavy gale of wind & rain this P.M. Rec'd letter from Lydia.

Tues. 23 — Reveille at 4 O.C. Saddled up at once. Remained in camp all day. Unsaddled about 9 O.C.A.M. Wrote to Lydia & Hattie.

Soule. Rec'd letter from John Canfield. The 3 scouts sent out at Summit Pt. came in today with important news.

Wed. 24, — Reveille at 3:30. Slight alarm on our picket line. Enemy followed in a scouting party. Did not attack the line. Wrote to John. Went to Harper's Ferry with dispatch to Maj. Scholefield.

Thurs. 25 — Reveille at 2:30. Marched at 5:30. The 1st Div. & ours mch'd to Kearneyville & had heavy fight. Found heavy force of Reb Infantry & we retired to camp, 1st Div. in rear, Enemy following, to our picket lines. Custar cut off our Reg't. Lost 2 killed, 5 wounded & 1 missing. St. Woodams (?) killed. Rec. letters from Cliff G. & Hattie Ellis. Marched at 11 O.C. Crossed River at Harpers Ferry.

Fri. 26 — Halted about 6 O.C. at Rossville. Marched again at 10:30 O.C. to Boonesboro. Arrived at 2 O.C. & camped. Had gay bath, etc. Col. & Pope had a blow out, about mule. Saddled up at 5 O.C.

Trains all sent back to Harpers Ferry. We did not move. Ordered to unsaddle about 8 O.C. & go into camp. Rec'd letter from Father.

Sat. 27 -- Saddled up ready to move at 5 O.C. Terrible thunderstorm last night. Unsaddled at 9:45. Marched after dinner through Boonesboro via Rossville through Sharpsburg. Camped for the night about 1 mile from town.

Sun. 28 -- Reveille at 3. Marched at 5 O.C. through Sharpsburg.

Crossed Potomac at Blackburn Ford. Marched through Duffield's Station to Charlestown arriving at dark. Camped near town. Our Infantry advanced through here at daylight today. We hear fighting beyond. Halted a great many times today. Sent out Stearns, Shaller,

& two other scouts.

Mon. 29 — Reveille at 3:30. Saddled up but did not move. Ordered to move at 4 P.M. Didn't go. We remained at Charlestown all day. I went down, got my boot mended. Wrote home. 1st Div. has been fighting all day near Berryville.

Tues. 30 — Reveille at 5 o.c. Made some reports this a.m. Pack train inspected. Marched at 1 o.c. p.m. through Rippen to Berryville. Advance guard saw 50 or 60 Rebs. Gen'l Torberts whole command is with us. 1st Div. came around through Summit Pt. & we camped near Berryville at dark.

Wed. 31 — Reveille at 3:30. Boots & saddles immediately after. Remained in camp till 3 p.m. when we were sent on picket through Berryville. 1 mile on Snickersville Pike.

September, Thurs. 1 — Still on picket at Berryville on Snickersville Pike. Lt. Col. Pope sent out on Reconnaissance with 22nd. N.Y. Ca. & Compsons Squadron to Opequun Cr.

Fri. 2 — Waked & saddled at 2 O.C. Mchd. at 5 O.C. around by-ways & Country roads through Cabetown, Bull Skin Run & went into camp 3 miles from Charlestown. Mch'd 15 or 16 miles to get 6. Rec'd letter from (home) and one from Fattie Soule. Got snugly in camp then we were ordered out at 7 O.C. P.M. Div. marched to Berryville, 1st Div. with us. Met Reb patrol at this place. Staid all night. Genl. Sherman captured Atlanta.

Sat. 3 — Mch'd at 6 O.C. through Millwood. Aovrill Div. away on the right. 1st Div. on Winchester Pike. We halted at White Post.

Our Regt. went to Ninevah on Reconnaissance. Sent Bliss out towards Middletown. Saw nothing but few pickets. Had very hard time finding.

our Brig. which had moved back to Millwood & camped. Rained hard.
Got in camp 11 O.C.

Sun. 4 — Moved back to Berryville. Moseby troubling us on the flank & rear, wounded & captured some of his men. Custar had very hard fight in Berryville. 6th N.Y. C. lost heavily. Found Rebs in force at the town. We threw out mounted skirmishers. No firing, threw a few shells into Reb works. Our Infantry is here. Went to Mrs. Lewis' & saw portraits of Washington, Elna Custis, Gen'l Ws. sister, & Washington's furniture. The portraits are the finest I ever saw. Mrs. Lewis' husband is grand nephew of Washn.

Mon. 5 — laid in camp at Berryville last night, in position. Remained in camp all day. Advanced the line of pickets $\frac{1}{4}$ mile through town in the P.M. 1st Div. withdrew on the left. Moved to the Extreme right. No show of fight today.

Thurs. 8 — Our wagons came up, rec'd letter from Lydia. Rec'd letter from home, saying they were in trouble & Mary very sick. Wrote 2 letters home & one to Hattie Soule.

Fri. 9 — laid in camp at Berryville. Made my Payrolls. Wrote to Lydia. Cap't. Compson made reconnaissance to Shenandoah River & brought in two prisoners.

Sat. 11 — Party of Rebs attacked Brig. Hdqrs. this ev'g. & wounded safeguard. In camp at Berryville finished Monthly Return. McClellan accepted nomination. Rec'd letter from home & ans. it. Better feelings there. Mary better.

Sun. 11 — Mailed Monthly Return & Pay Rolls. Toland Co. "L" & Murphy "E" Co. captured by Rebs at well. Our camp Guard drove off

200. Rebs were intending to capture Gen'l Wilson. They compelled a 1st Vt. Man (prisoner) to guide them, but he led them to our camp & escaped.

Sun. 18 — Rec'd orders to be ready to move. Sent wagons to rear.

Wrote to Hattie Soule, also home. Hired a Darkey.

Mon. 19 — Moved at 2 O.C. this A.M. I went after Capt. Scovills Squad. Overtook the Divn. across the Opequun on the Berryville & Winchester Pike. 1st Brig. in advance & heavily engaged. 6th & 8th & 19th Corps came up. Had a terrible Battle. We completely demoralized them & stampeded them. Gen'l. McIntosh wounded in leg. Our Div. was sent to left. Charged & fought till dark. Camped near Barnstown. J. J. Bloss & Gatins B Co. killed. Our army took about 2400 Prisoners. We lost 2 Generals. The Enemy 5 generals. Our Div. captured about 100 Prisoners.

Tues. 20 — Our mule train did not come up last (night). Had no breakfast. Mch'd about daylight through Darnstown near Newton. Through Ninevah to Happy Gap where we found a little Reb. Cav'y. Halted & camped at noon. We did not fight. No mule train yet. I had supper in Co. "L" slept in Horse Blanket tonight. All quiet.

Wed. 21 — Mch'd at 3 O.C. Charged the Fork of Shenandoah at Christians Ford Bridge. Col. Pope & myself ahead, with 4 or 5 men. The Reg't. did not follow but fired across. Then drove the Enemy through Front Royal to near Brownsville, where we halted & remained till 4 O.C. & were going back when orders were rec'd to advance again. Moved up on the old line at Dickey's Hill & camped for the night in line. Pack train came up.

Thurs. 22 — Marched at 7 O.C. on towards Milford on the Road through

Rebs left about 3 or 4 hours in advance of us. 1st Brig. & Gustar met them at Milford. Our Brig. took wrong road through the mountain & struck Enemy. Remained there picketing the left flank of the Cav'y Corps. The whole 1st Div. intended to charge. mounted but did not. The Enemy too strong. About 8 O.C. P.M. fell back 4 miles from Jacksonville on the Front Royal Pike. The whole Corps camped there.

Fri. 23 — Reveille at 5 O.C. 1st Divn. commenced moving back towards Front Royal at 6 O.C.A.M. We marched at 7 O.C.A.M. to Backton via McCoys Ford. Arrived at noon. Our whole division then laid in camp until 7 O.C. Then marched back same road, until 2 O.C. A.M. when we camped near Bentonville.

Sat. 24 — Reveille about 5 O.C. Raining. Mch'd about 6 O.C. through Milford. 1st Div. in advance. Mch'd via Oak Hill, Springfield, to Hamburg. 1st Div. skirmished up to Hamburg & halted where they were when we came up. They had 4 officers & 60 men Prisoners. Mch'd at 5 O.C. crossed the So. Fork of the Shenandoah at White House. Mch'd until 9 O.C. & camped.

Sun. 25 — Mch'd at 6:30 through Mussanuliton Gap to New Market. Most beautiful view I ever saw. The whole Luray Valley lay behind us in plain sight. Arrived at New Market at noon. Drew supplies. Poor horses (10) to Rear & resumed the march at 3 O.C. via Mt. Crawford & valley turnpike to Harrisonburg where we staid all night. Saw an old Lady with a picture of the Goodess of Liberty.

Mon. 26 — Mch'd at 6:30 on the Strait Valley Pike through numerous small towns to Staunton, arriving at 4. Marching through at 7 O.C. P.M. Saw immense quantities of hay on the road today. Got several boxes tobacco. 1st Div. in advance today. Then burned the Depot at Staunton. We mch'd through & camped for the night. Capt. Scoville & Simpson went on Picket.

Tues 27 — Reveille at 5 oc. Our Brigade made Reconnaissance to Waynesboro. our regiment advancing (2 squaddrons left back on Picket.) I went ahead with Capt. Bliss' advance guard. Met small party of Rebs before reaching town. Drove them before us. Halted short time & then charged through town towards the Tunnel at Rockfish Gap. Took 4 prisoners & 2 who gave themselves up. Very handsome ladies and fine people in Waynesboro. Went back towards Staunton. I met the Div. & Reg. Brig. fell in rear & went back & camped at 10 or 11 o.c. about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Waynesboro. Burned great quantity of C.S. Stores at Staunton.

Wed. 28 -- Reveille at 5 O.C. I went down to Waynesboro this a.m. and staid 2 or 3 hours. Visited with Misses Waddell. They seemed to take great interest in me according to Dr. Adams talk. Called on them again in P.M. Got biscuits at next door. Rebs advanced on us from Rockfish Gap driving in 1st Brig. Had quite a fight at dark Enemy completely surrounding our Brigade. We took to the left through the woods & came on to the pike at the River. Fell back through Staunton. Marched all night. Destroyed R.R. Bridge & Depot & Mill at Waynesboro today.

Thurs. 29 — Arrived at Spring Hill about 6 O.C. this A.M. Got breakfast. Fed. Capt. Farr missing last night. Mch'd at 7 O.C. to Bridgewater & halted & fed. Lots of horses captured today. Went into camp at Bridgewater. 6 & 19th Corps only 2 miles from us. 100 Rebs reported near camp. Our Reg't went out & learned of only 6. All quiet. To bed Early. Put up flies.

Fri. 30 — Reveille at daylight. Good rest last night. Laid in camp near Bridgewater until 5 P.M. Gen'l Wilson relieved & Gen'l Custar placed in command of our Div. Rained hard today. Reinforcements came up. 150 recruits for 1st Vt. Cav. Our Brig. moved on picket to Mt. Crawford on the line vacated by the 6th & 19th Corps. Got to bed 9 O.C.

Oct., Sat. 1 — Good rest last night. Remained in camp at Mt. Crawford all day. Very rainy all day. 2nd & 3rd squadrons on picket. Went to Mrs. Carpenters & got biscuits baked in A.M. Went again in P.M. & had considerable fun with Pettie C.—she made me 4 doz. biscuits. Our 2 squadrons came in from picket. To bed immediately after tattoo.

Sun. 2 — Rested well last night. Laid quiet in camp until 1 O.C. When Boots and Saddles sounded. The Enemy advanced on the Right at Bridgewater. On the left on the Harrisonburg & Waynesboro Road & Pegrams div. of Longstreets Corps. on the hill in our immediate front. 1st. Divn. on the left. Cannonading on the right & left but none as yet (3:30) with us. Our Brig. not engaged. 1st. Brig. engaged at Bridgewater. 2nd N.Y. charged. We fell back $\frac{1}{2}$ mile & camped.

Mon. 3 — Reveille at 3:30. Boots & Saddles at 4 O.C. Heavy showers of rain all day. Maj. Scholefield came up & paid the Regt. 1 months pay. Remained saddled until late in P.M. then unsaddled again. No movement today. 4 days Rations & 2 days forage issued. Train came up & we rec'd mail. I got 2 from home & 1 from Lydia. Wrote home. Hard rain this Ev'g.

Tues. 4 — Reveille 3:30. Boots & Saddles 4 O.C. Very pleasant. Wrote to Lydia. Visited Miss Carpenter. Burning all the buildings within 5 miles of Dayton. Burning in retaliation for Lieut. Shot last Evg. by bushwhacker. Terrible sorry sight to see all buildings burning & women crying. It is inhuman. Our whole Reg't on Picket. Hdqrs. did not move.

Wed. 5 — Very pleasant today. Moved camp back 3/4 mile in a fine piece of woods. Very fine camp. 22nd N.Y. Cav. relieved our Reg't at dusk. I called at Mrs. Carpenters.

Thurs. 6 — No Reveille. Ordered to march at 5 O.C. Mch'd at 6 via Dayton. Lively town, to North Fork of Shenandoah. Crossed at Turley Town. 1st Brig. in our rear. They had fight at Brocks Gap & were defeated. Rossers Div. of C.S. Cavy. in our rear. We are destroying all Barns & Stacks & driving in all cattle & sheep on the route. Our Reg't sent on picket on the Timberville & Brecks Gap road.

Fri. 7 -- Were called in about 7 O.C. Found Brig. & pack trains gone to New Market. 1st. Vt. with us. Mch'd at 8 oc. via Mechanicsville, Forrestville to where train laid. 1st. Brig. & train moved out & the Enemy attacked us. New Recruits of 1st Vt. on the line & they fell

back to 1st Brig. & made stand until dusk, then fell back via Cabin burning all barns & forage today.

Sat. 8 -- Reveille 4:30. Boots & Saddles 5 O.C. Mch'd about 7 O.C. to Mt. Olive. Arrived about noon. 1st Brig. in run. Enemy following them & pressing. We formed line at Mt. Olive & prepared to support them but were not engaged. Moved back $\frac{1}{2}$ mile & camped in woods. Very cold & windy today.

Sun. 9 -- Saddled up at 4:30. Fight at Mt. Olive. No reveille. Moved out 6 O.C. 1st. Brig. in advance. They encountered the Enemy at once & our Brig. was ordered to support their skirmishers. Enemy had fine position & worked 5 guns against us doing good execution. Got them started and we charged through the skirmishers of the 1st. Brig. The 1st Vermont on the left & our Reg't on the right. Our Regt. captured 5 guns. The 1st Vt. claims one. Making 6 in all. We charged on up the road & captured the whole wagon train. I captured the last 2 ambulances they had, besides a number of others with several prisoners. Greatest stampede of the Enemy I ever saw. We followed them to Columbia Furnace. Total captures today 6 guns, 4 caissons, 1 forge, 26 wagons & ambulances, & 94 prisoners. 1st Div. captured 8 guns & 8 wagons. We lost nothing. Moved back to Mt. Olive & our Reg't went on Picket.

Mon. 10 -- Very heavy frost last night. On picket. Supply train came up. Rec'd letter from home. Mary is better. Wrote my letter home but no chance to send it. Remained on picket until 4 O.C. when we were relieved & went back 1 mile to Toms Creek where the Divn. lay in camp.

Tues. 11 — Reveille at 5:30. Very pleasant today. Comc'd diary to Lydia but the "General" sounded at noon & was unable to finish it. We moved back, 3 or 4 miles beyond Strasburg & camped on the right of the army. The 8th & 19th Corps. are here & the 6th at Front Royal.

Wed. 12 — Reveille at 5:30. Very cold last night. Pleasant today. Comc'd raining about 11 O.C.A.M. completed my diary to Lydia. Cloudy & showers all day. Col Benjamin sent in report of our operation on the 9th. In camp near Cedar Run. 4th Squadron detailed to go to Winchester. Sent mail. Sent letters home & to Lydia.

Thurs. 13 — Very pleasant but cold & windy. Our Reg't. went on Picket to Smoots Mills on Cedar Creek. Boots & Saddles sounded at 1:30 o.c. P.M. Enemy advanced on 1st. Div. beyond. Strasbury then on 1st Brig. on the right at Cedar Creek. Our line not troubled. Enemy repulsed & the Army settled down again at dark. Our Brig. moved out towards Picket line. Supply train & very heavy mail came up. Rec'd 2 letters from home & 1 from John Canfield.

Fri. 14 — Got up at 2 O.C. breakfasted & moved the balance of the Reg't out & joined the rest on picket at Smoots Mills. The whole Cavy. Corps. saddled up at 3 O.C.a.m. Infantry in line of Battle. 6th Corps was going to Alexandria, it was halted at Ashbys Gap & brought back this a.m. Enemy show nothing today. 22nd. N.Y. relieved us at 5 O.C.P.M. & we went in camp with the Brig.

Sat. 15 — Reveille 5:30. Remained quietly in camp all day. Near Cedar Creek. 6 miles from Strasburg & 3 miles from Middletown.

Wrote home. Completed, retained copy Monthly Return.

Sun. 16 -- Boots & Saddles 4 O.C. our Reg't. moved at 6 O.C. across Cedar Run. 4 miles on Reconnaissance. Met 1st. Conn. They had been $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond & saw nothing. Ret'd. to camp. 1st. Divn. gone on a raid. false. They ret'd. this evg. I finished monthly & mailed it. Wrote to John Canfield.

Mon. 17 -- Aroused by sharp firing on the Picket line at 4 oc. The Divn. saddled up. It proved to be an attack of Guerillas on the pickets of 1st. Brig. 2 Brigades Reb. Cavalry & 1 of Infantry. Contemplated raid on our camps but were stopped at the Picket Reserve. They captured 1 squadron 1st. Ct. Cav'y. Our Reg't. went on picket. I didn't go. Very dull here. Several prisoners captured.

Tues. 18 -- laid in bed until 8 O.C. Very pleasant. Laid in Camp all day. Reg't. on Picket. Came in about noon.

Wed. 19 -- Enemy attacked our right at 5 O.C.A.M. then surprised the Infantry in their camp, killing a great many & taking artillery & prisoners. Terrible heavy fight, & it is going against us until noon when Gen. Sheridan (who has been to Washington) came up and such a charge I never saw. The struggling Infantry turned back & ran smiling up on the lines. The old Gen'l. soon put matters in shape & ordered an advance, massed his Infantry, and let the Rebs charge & get repulsed. Then charging after them & completely routing them. Gen'l. Custar with 1st Vt. & 5th N.Y. captured 43 Guns & about 157 wagons etc. Our regt. was halted & didn't get in. Got nearly 2000 prisoners. Gen'l. Ramseur wounded & in our hands. Gen'l. Early must feel sore after making the attack & meeting with such a terrible defeat. Our army all went into their old camps.

Wagons do not come up. Got supper at house.

Thurs. 20 — Saddled up at 5 oc. Moved out 7 oc. Our Regt. moved out on Reconnaissance across Forge Ford to Church where 3rd. N.J. & 5th N.Y. joined us & we moved to near our old camp near Mt. Olive. Cap't. Bliss reconnoitered to Fishers Hill & found nothing. Our whole Divn. then came up & we moved on to Toms Brook & halted short time. find no enemy. Orders came to move back to our old camp where we arrived about 9 OC P.M. Terrible rough roads for train. Some broke down & Brig. Hdqrs. wagon tipped over at Capps Ford. Mule train came but no wagons.

Fri. 2 — Reveille at 6 O.C.A.M. Terrible hard frost. remained in camp until noon when we moved camp about 1 mile near where we were when we first came here. Rec'd. mail this p.m. letter from home. Mary gaining. Gen'l. Custar went to Washtn. with 5 captured flags. Col. Wells Comdg. Divn. & Lt. Col. Benjamins Brig.

Sat. 22 — In camp 2 miles from Middletown. Cold & windy & little rain last night. Cold & windy today. I went to Army Hdqrs. & saw captured property. They report 17 Guns captured today. If true will make us over 100 Guns ahead since Battle of Winchester. Maj. Moore ret'd. to Reg't. Wrote long letter home.

Sun. 23 — Pleasant today. remained in camp near Middletown. 1st Vt. Cav. (old men) gone back to be mustered out of service. Wrote to Hattie Soule.

Mon. 24 — Very pleasant today. Maj. Moore & Lt. Hamilton ran horses this A.M. for \$50 a side (?) Hamilton soon published dispatch from Pres. Lincoln congratulating Gen'l. Sheridan on his successes in the Valley on the 19th & 9. Our Div. is credited with the capture of

51 Guns, over 200 wagons, & ambulances, 5 Battle Flags & over 1500 prisoners.

Tues. 25 — Heavy frost last night. Nothing of importance. In camp near Middletown.

Wed. 26 — Very cold & frost last night. Rec'd letter from home, Lydia, & Cliff. Wrote home & to Lydia. bed at 11 oc.

Thurs. 27 — Light showers of rain today. Mr. Torrance of Rochester dined with us. No signs of moving yet. built bunk in my tent. Lt. Col. Pope rec'd. orders to proceed to Washn. for muster rolls. Wrote to Cliff.

Fri. 28 — Wind blowing perfect gale all day. Nothing occurred worthy of note. Made F. & S. Muster & Pay Rolls.

Sat. 29 — Reveille at 4 O.C. Our Reg't. & 1st Vt. started at 7 OC A.M. on reconnaissance to Woodstock. found no enemy. They were reported at Mt. Crawford. Retd. to camp. arrived about 5 oc. having marchd. over 30 miles. Very fine day.

Sun. 30 — had Sunday morning inspection (mounted) by Maj. Moore.

Mon. 31 — The order was rec'd. last night for our Reg't. to go to Rochester to muster out. They started this A.M. about 11 OC. 11 officers & 22 men. Officers were Maj. Moore, Capts. Ford, Scoville, Hopkins, Frost, Rugar, Lieuts. Mathews, Huntington, Brown, Joslyn, Metcalf and others who are absent. it is hard to part with some of them. Maj. Moore & Capt. Hopkins in particular. It is like taking the very heart out of the Reg't.

Nov., Tues. 1 — Nothing of importance. Still in camp with the army near Middletown.

Wed. 2 — Completed new organization of the Reg't. Completed Monthly

Return & sent it. Rec'd letter from Hattie Soule & answered it.

Thurs. 3 -- No news. Wrote long letter home & sent Confed. paper.

Fri. 4 -- Nothing of importance. Still in camp near Middletown. Mail arrived & I recd. a letter from Mary. the first in a long time.

She is getting better. I answered her letter this Evg.

Sat. 5 -- Cold & windy. rearranged camp in accordance with new organization. First morning report from new org'ton. rearranged my tent & built a fine hole. It is very gay and I am comfortable. 2 squadrons on picket & 2 looking for Mosby who is reported on the pike. Wrote to Mary giving description of camp life, etc.

Sun. 6 -- The Division reviewed today. Our Regt. not out. a part is on picket. recd. letter from Hattie Soule and ans'd. it. wrote to Mary. to bed 11 OC. rec'd. orders about 11 OC A.M. to move on reconnaissance tomorrow morning at daylight.

Mon. 7 -- Reveille at 4:30. Moved out in conjunction with 22 N.Y. at 6:30 via Cupps Ford to back Road & on to Tomsbrook. found no signs of enemy. they are reported at Columbia Furnace with Cavalry. No Infantry in the valley. drizzly & wet today. Wrote to Mary this eve.

Tues. 8 -- Drizzly & wet. Lt. Col. Pope ret'd. from Washington. Regt. inspected by Maj. Otis of War Dept. Complimented us very highly, particularly my office. The "General Boots & Saddles" sounded at 2 O.C.P.M. We packed but did not move. at 4 O.C.P.M. we recd. orders to go in Camp again. Rebs reported moving on right flank. Maj. Pope ret'd.

Wed. 9 -- Sultry & warm today. Cap't. Stone inspected the Reg't.

Col. Benjamin in arrest for the operations on the 7th. Infantry all moving back. Our Reg't. picketing from the Pike to Cupps Ford. We

are ordered to move at 6 O.C. tomorrow. Wrote Mary.

Thurs. 10 — Boots & Saddles 5 O.C. Reveille 4 O.C. Moved at 7 O.C. A.M. via Middle road until 11 O.C. Halted & got dinner. I mch'd. with Col. Wells & Benjamin. The Reg't. was on Picket & are bringing up the rear. Mch'd. again at 2 O.C. about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile & camped. Are ordered to move in morning. Recd. a letter from John. Sent Muster Rolls to Maj. Moore.

Fri. 11 — Moved back about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to front & camped. Were fixing up nicely when the enemy attacked the Pickets & we went out & fought till dark, when they withdrew & we followed them & charged their rear near Cedar Creek & captured 2 prisoners. We had been fighting Rossar with 3 Brigs. We ret'd. to camp about 10 oc. Had 7 or 8 men wounded & 10 or 12 horses shot.

Sat. 12 -- Moved out again this a.m. & found the Enemy had advanced to their old line. Our Brig. formed line of Skirmishers & charged them. Our Regt. on the Middle road. We drove them about 5 miles. When we struck a Brig. formed having no support. We were obliged to retire slowly. Keeping within short range and hurting them severly. We advanced again to the same ground & the Enemy attacked the rear. Col. Pope & 1st N.H. charged them. We then took to the right & found 1st. Brig. then ret'd. to left. All of our Brig. but 1st Vt. on picket. I came to camp. Nearly used up. Very sore & lame. Got to bed about 10 oc. Lost 1 man killed, 5 missing.

Sun. 13 — Our Whole Cvy. Corps moved forward today. I did not go. Am feeling some better. I had thing fixed up in Camp. Our Cavy. ret'd. about 4 o.c. having been to Cedar Creek & found nothing. Our

Regt. left on Picket. Making two nights in succession. Wrote home.
recd. letter from Mrs. Reinhart.

Mon. 14 — Maj. Pope detailed as A.A.I.G. of Div. 1st Vt. relieved
our Regt. from picket. Wrote home to John & Mrs. Reinhart.

Tues. 15 — recd. letter from home this a.m. Nothing of importance.
still in camp on right of Middle road. Our whole reg't. in camp.
Wrote home.

Wed. — Nothing of importance. Still in Camp Russell.

Thurs. 17 — " " " " " "

Fri. Sat. — " " " " " "

Sun. 20 — rec'd letters from home & from Lydia & answered them.

Mary is improving. Ordered to draw additional supplies & ammunition
which looks like move. Rec'd. orders about 11 O'clock P.M. to be ready
to move at 7 O.C. tomorrow A.M.

Mon. 21 — Reveille at 5 O.C. Mch'd at 7 O.C. Our Div. & Powells
up the pike, ours in advance & our Reg't. in advance of the whole
Div. first struck Enemy at Woodstock. drove 15 or 20 stragglers
out of town. We camped 1 mile South of town. Rainy all day & cold.
Reb pickets at Edinburg & Columbia Furnace. 2 sqds. of our Regt.
picketed Col. Fence Road. Very cold tonight. Slept under old barn.

Tues. 22 — Called up at 5 O.C. Moved at 7 O.C. Our Regt. rear
guard. 2 Div. in advance. They encountered Reb. Cavy. pickets at
Edinburg & drove them back onto their Infantry between Mt. Jackson
& New Market. Where they showed 3 strong lines of Infantry & several
pieces of artillery. The 2 Div. & our 1st. Brig. were engaged. Our
Reg. went back to Woodstock as Train Guard. Were afraid of an attack

on our flank & rear but none was made. Camped in the same camp of last night with 2 sqdrns. in Col. Towne Road. very cold & freezing today. our loss in all very slight.

Wed. 23 — Reveille at 4:30. Mchd. at 6:30. Our Brig. in advance & our Reg't. 2nd. moved back down the pike. The Rebs followed but short distance last Evg. have heard of none today. arrived in our old camp about 3 oc. & found everything destroyed by the cursed Infantry. Our trains were sent to us & we got very comfortably in camp again. Terrible cold today. got a cold.

Thurs. 24 — quite cold but pleasant. today is Thanksgiving Day. The people of N.Y. thought to do something fine for the soldiers & sent them a lot of half dressed poultry. Not much of interest today. Wrote home & to Lydia. Sent Lydia C.S. paper.

Fri. 25 — Moved camp today about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the rear. Near Brig. Hdqrs. laid out fine camp. got Hdqrs. up with fireplace & bunk before dark. rec'd. mail. Nothing for me.

Sat. 26 — Sent 100 men to Stevensons Station as escort for train to get Hay Reg't. busily engaged in putting up picket lines & quarters. We shall probably remain here some time.

Mon. 28 — Our Regt. & 125 men of 1st. Vt. ordered on Reconnaissance to Wardensville. Divided at 11 OC.A.M. Mchd. via Buckroad. Saw 12 Rebs at Russells Mills. Mchd. without halting over Lower Cove or Paddys Run and arrived at Wardensville at 7 OC. P.M. 25 miles from where we started. found no Rebs. fighting has been heard in the direction of Moorefield. We moved back 2 or 3 miles & Bivwaced for the night.

Tues. 29 — Sent 4th squadron (Lt. Hamilton) through Wardensville. They ret'd. at 8 O.C. just as our Div. came up. moving forward we fell in rear of our Brig. (in advance) & moved on. it is hard on us as we have no rations or blankets & are ordered to be out 5 days. Mchd. all day through mountains & camped for the night on top of mountain within 8 miles of Moorefield. Saw some great curiosities today in shape of Mountain scenery.

Wed. 30 — Reveille at 3 O.C. Mchd at daylight through mountains. arrived at Moorefield at 11 OC. A.M. where we rested. heard that Rassow (?) knew of our movement & he had gone back a day ahead of us, after having burned New Creek. Captured 3 or 400 Prisoners & 5 Guns. No use in pursuing him so at 3 P.M. we started back. Mchd. 8 or 9 miles & camped on the road to Capon Valley. Took dinner at Mr. Huttons. Splendid dinner. Moorefield quite a business place. Terribly poor country through mountains. Our Regt. captured several prisoners. first day out. nothing for supper.

Dec., Thurs. 1 — Reveille at 5 O.C. Mchd. at 6:30. Our Reg't. in Advance Guard. Gen'l. Custus Hdqr. Guard ahead of us stealing everything. it is a shame & should not be allowed. I mch'd. all day with Capt. Bliss in advance. halted at noon for rest & feed. Corn & Hay for our horses & dinner for ourselves. Moved via Hanging Rock Gap to Capon Bridge where we arrived at 7:30 & camped. Went to bed with no supper.

Fri. 2 — Reveille at 5 O.C. Mchd. at 7 O.C. with a piece of dough cake & honey & cup of water for breakfast. Our Regt. rear guard today. Several fine horses captured but the General caused most of

them to be given up again. We arrived in camp at 3 O.C. P.M. found tents up and everything in shape. Everybody here scared to death while we have been gone. recd. long letter from home & wrote a long one in reply.

Sat. 3 — Reveille at 6 O.C. 2 squadrons of our Reg't sent on picket at 9 O.C.A.M. had a floor put in my tent & raised. quite cold & windy. tried to rain a little last night. rec'd. a letter from Hattie Soule. Wrote a line home.

Sun. 4 — 2 squadrons sent on picket to relieve the other 2. Sent in Monthlies for Nov. to Brig. Hdqrs. & finished. Retained copies of same. Smith, Benjamin & Capt. Siebert dined with us. Wrote home & to Mr. Moody.

Mon. 5 — Our 2 squadrons relieved from picket. Completed my Monthly Return & sent it to A.G.O., Cap't. Bliss mustered as Major. 15th N.Y.C. joined our Brig. Wrote to Hattie Soule., rec'd. letter from home & ans. it.

Tues. 6 — Nothing of importance today. Burtchy & Wilbur dined with us. it is rumored that we are to move camp in a few days. wrote to John Canfield.

Wed. 7 — Nothing worthy of note has transpired. We are still in camp about 3 miles from Winchester & a splendid camp we have too. Burtchy & Wilbur here yet. No mail for me tonight. Wrote home.

Thurs. 8 — Nothing of importance today, until about 9 O.C. this Evg. when it is reported that the Rebs have established a picket line across Cedar Creek at Cupps Ford. Our Reg't. went out at 11 O.C. P.M. via Middle Road and 2nd N.Y.C. went to Forge Ford via back road.

sent squadron to the church 3 miles beyond Cupps Ford. found nothing.
Terrible cold & freezing tonight. got back to camp 5 a.m.

Fri. 9 -- Got into Camp 5 o.c.A.M. most frozen. went to bed &
slept until 8 O.C. Very cold & windy. Col. Benjamin detailed as
Pres. of Court Martial to try Capt. Hull A 2 M.(?) Lt. Bardwell recd.
leave of absence for 20 days. Comcd. snowing at 7 O.C. and by Taps
the ground is covered. Finished the subscriptions to Buford monument
fund which was comcd. last Spring. Recd. letter from Cliff.

Sat. 10 -- Snow fell to the depth of 5 or 6 inches. Our Reg't on
Picket. Lt. Bardwell gone home 20 days to be married. Several
sleighs out today. recd. a letter from Lydia & wrote her $8\frac{1}{2}$ pages of
letter in reply.

Sun. 11 -- Nearly 9 O.C. when I got up. our Reg't. relieved from
picket. some little sleigh riding today. Terrible cold & wind blow-
ing a gale. rec'd. letter from home. Mary is worse. Answered it.

Mon. 12 -- Terrible cold & wind blowing a gale. Some of our men have
frozen toes from bad boots. However they have very comfortable quarters.
We recd. 3 old second hand tents for new ones which we put in for.
Wrote long letter home.

Wed. 14 -- Maj. Bliss started home on Leave of 10 days. quite pleasant
today. Col. B. on Co. Martial trying Cap't. Hull A.2 M.

Thurs. 15 -- quite cold today. Dr. Van Ingen & son came here. rec'd.
letter from Sgt. Major Moody and one from Hat Lockwood. good news
from Nashville. Great victory. Wrote to H. Peckham & to Hattie
Lockwood.

Fri. 16 -- Dr. Van Ingen still here. Nothing worthy of note. Good
news still arriving from Nashville. Thomas has whipped Hood badly

capturing Guns & Prisoners.

Sat. 17 — Col. Benjamin started for Cumberland where he is detailed on Court Martial. quite pleasant today. Glorious news still arriving from Thomas. He is capturing artillery & prisoners without numbers. Rec'd. letter from home & ansd. it. Col. recommended me for Captaincy. hates to have me leave the office but desires to give me promotion.

Sun. 18 — Misty & sprinkling today. I tried my new horse which I got of Osborn for picaninny. Rumors of a move. Dr. Van Ingen went home. I gave him an order for my pay. Recd. orders at 7:20 P.M. to march at 6 O.C. tomorrow morning.

Mon. 19 — Reveille at 4 O.C. Boots & Saddles at 5 O.C. Mchd. at 7 O.C. Struck the Valley Pike at Newtown. Watered at the River & halted. then moved on to Woodstock. arrived at 5 o'clock P.M. Advance struck a few Reb Scouts in town. Unsaddled at 6 oc. P.M. Camped right of town. Nothing but our Div. on this route. We mchd. 28 miles today. Rainy & wet.

Tues. 20 -- Reveille at 4 O.C. Mchd. at 7 O.C. to Roods Hill where the Div. was massed & Genl. Custer read to us some glorious news from Thomas & Sherman & orders from Sheridan to march until we find the Enemy. We then marched on to Lacy Springs where we halted for the night. Cold & freezing today. Our Regt. camped in front.

Wed. 21 -- Reveille at 4 O.C. Ordered to march at 6 O.C. were just moving out when the Enemy charged us striking our Reg't. first. We met them as well as we could under the circumstances & such a general mixup I never saw. The Rebs were dressed in our overcoats. Our Regt. charged and were forming for another charge when I discovered

a suspicious looking person. Challenged him & sprang to secure him when he cut me with his sabre. Fred Peck, "B" Co., then shot the Reb dead. I recd. two severe wounds. We started back & arrived at Woodstock at dark. I staid all night at Mrs. Socklitters. We whipped the Rebs badly this A.M.

Thurs. 22.— Reveille at 4 O.C. Marched at 5:30. Terrible cold & windy. rode my horse. stopped 2 or 3 times to warm. My wounds are not painful. arrived at Kearnstown at 3 O.C.P.M. & camped in an old Infantry camp. I engaged rooms & board at Mr. Hamiltons. Expect the men will suffer with cold.

Fri. 23 — Weather more mild but still very cold. Dr. Van Slyck dressed my wounds & I visited our camp. lots of business just came in. Mr. Hamilton (where I am stopping) is a good Union man. recd. letter from John & from Hattie Lockwood. I think Hattie made a mistake & sent me the wrong one.

Sat. 24 — Weather quite pleasant today. had my wounds dressed by Dr. Van Slyck. they do not pain me much. Mrs. Hetzel & Mrs. Pritchard are stopping here. I visited our Regt. found things loose. I sat with the ladies this Evg.

Sun. 25 — Had great deal of fun wishing Merry Christmas. Had my wounds dressed at 10 O.C. then went to the Reg't. & took dinner. My wounds are doing well. I hope to get Leave of Absence. Whiskey issued today. Everybody is drunk. Mr. Hamilton drunk. Mrs. & Miss Haynes came. had oyster supper in Evg.

Mon. 26 — The weather is milder. foggy and thawing. I got up with toothache. Wounds pain me a little. rec'd. the glorious news that Sherman has taken Savannah with 150 Guns, 33000 bales of cotton

& immense amount of other articles. Mr. Hamilton is drunk yet.

Tues. 27 -- Got up 7 oc. Mrs. & Miss Haynes started for home. I recd. letter from home & 1 from Lydia. Dr. called at my boarding house and dressed my wounds. wrote home to Lydia & to Hattie Lockwood.

Wed. 28 -- I made F. & S. Pay Rolls today.

Thurs. 29 -- quite pleasant today. Our Divn. moved today on the Romney Road near Petticoat Gap. Maj. Bliss returned this Evg. from leave.

Fri. 30 -- 19th Corps moving back. quite pleasant today. Mrs.

Pritchard philopaened me & I gave her a quarter as keepsake. I left Mr. Hamiltons & went to Mr. Ritters. 1 mile from Round Hill at Petticoat Gap near our camp. very fine Union people & very kind.

Sat. 31 -- Got up before daylight. breakfast by candlelight. Snowed considerable last night & quite stormy. I went to Brig. Hdqrs. & had my wounds dressed. Stopped at the Regt. Renewed my application for leave. Growing cold & will be very cold night.

No '65 diary. Entry Apr. 3, 1866 -- "One year ago today I was wounded thru the leg at Namazine(?) Church. Very much such a day as this. Pleasant."

Letter from Armory Square Hospital, Ward F. Washington D. C.

April 19, 1965 --

Dear Folks at home,

I did not start for home as soon as I expected I should when I mailed my last letter to you from Burkesville Junction. the ride from that place on the So. Side R.R. nearly used me up & I had to stay in Hospital at City Point two days. I left there last Saturday by Hospital Boat Connecticut, arrived here Sunday Evg. & thought I would remain here in Hospital a few days, so that my wound might be well cared for. I shall try to start for Rochester on Friday (21st). I have got to find my baggage, which is here in Washington somewhere. It was sent here with all the rest when we started on the raid from Winchester

You have of course heard of the terrible Calamity that has befallen the nation. The funeral procession is now passing from the White House to the Capitol. it is reported to be seven miles in length. I should have gone up & seen it, but as Every Hotel, Store, etc. is closed, I thought I would not, as I should probably have had to stand up and that I cannot do quite yet. Still I can hobble around on my crutches quite lively for a few minutes at a time.

When I go to Rochester I shall stay there but a few days. I shall spend most of my time in Byron, for I think I can stay there until I get well. I can't come to Mich. now. I couldn't stand the ride.

But I must stop and drop a line to Rochester. I am in just about the worst position that I ever undertook to write a letter in. I am bolstered up in bed, with a stand at my bedside, and taking all things into consideration, the position is decidedly awkward and you need not be surprised at the appearance of the writing. Mary, I hope this will find you better able to help yourself than I am at present. However, I am slowly improving. Tell Almy I am coming up to see her again. Hoping to see you soon, I remain as ever,

Affectionately,

Your Son and Brother

Charley

Addressed to Silas Van Dusen, Esq., Meads Mills, Wayne Co., Mich.
forwarded to Ypsilanti.

Clinton Hotel, Rochester
May 3rd. 1865

Dear Parents & Sister,

You are doubtless anxiously looking for a letter from me, to know of my whereabouts & welfare. I left the Hospital at Washington last Monday Evg. arrived here last Evg. at 11 oclock & somewhat fatigued, but in fine spirits. I have been out a few minutes this morning. have seen John & Fred. I am not strong enough yet to travel around much. shall keep pretty close to my room for a few days, & then I shall go to Byron. My wound is doing finely. it is nearly healed up, but I cannot straighten my limb yet, nor use it without crutches. I hope I shall be able to go with a cane in a week or so. I found six letters here in the office for me. two of them are from Mary dated Mar. 31st & April 7th. and one from Father dated April 10th.

one from Lydia & two from the Reg't. I must write to the Reg't. today. I shall try & come to Michigan in about two weeks. & when I return to the Army I want Mother & Mary to go to Dover with me if Mary is able. She must get well before I get there.

I want Father to write me immediately what he wants me to do for him while I am here. direct to me at this place.

I will close as I have several letters to write.

Hoping to hear from you soon and that you (Mary) are able to get up to Mother's room without being carried. I am as ever.

Affectionately,

Your Son and Brother

Charley

Kind regards to Almy.

Rochester, N.Y.

May 13, 1865

Dear Parents and Sister,

I rec'd. Father's very kind letter of the 7th this a.m. found it awaiting me at the Clinton Hotel when I ret'd. from Byron where I have been since last Wednesday. found them all well. Visited all around. at Henry's, George's, Sylvanus', and at Brusselville. found them well & I had a first rate time. Henry is very anxious that Mother & Mary should come down here this summer. So am I. I am getting along nicely. I have abandoned a crutch today and substituted a cane. hope to be able to navigate with a cane alone in a few days. I rec'd. a letter from Lt. Col. Bliss today. They were at Petersburg when he wrote (7th). They were all well & expected to come to Washington. I shall come to Michigan the latter part of next week. Until I see you.

Goodbye,

Affectionately, etc.

Charley

Rochester

May 30, 1865

Dear Parents & Sister,

Having promised Father I would write immediately on my arrival here I will now fulfil said promise. On arriving

in Detroit yesterday A.M. I found that a Train left immediately for Susp. Bridge. I took said train which made connections through all night (scarcely giving me time to drink a cup of coffee) & I reached this place at 10 o'clock last night. found Rochester in its usual flourishing condition. everybody well (as far as heard from). am going to see Spencer this morning. Will write again before I leave.

Aff.

Charley

Rochester, June 2, '65

Dear friends at home,

You are probably expecting a line from me by this time as this is about the time I expected to start for the Reg't., but I don't want to go without seeing Spencer. he has gone to Connecticut & is expected back today, which detained me. I shall now remain until Monday A.M. If I should start now I would be obliged to remain in Washington over Sunday. I shall reach the Reg't. Tuesday. they are encamped at Bladensburg, Md.

I went to the Bay yesterday. had a good time. Everybody was out. over a thousand people at the Newport House & the same crowd at all the other places. regular 4th of July. Please write me at once directing as usual to the Reg't. at Washington. Please remember me to the good people of Ypsilanti.

As ever,

Affectionately, etc.

Charley

Headquarters 3rd. Cav. Division
Near Clouds Mills
June 8, 1965

Dear Parents,

Thinking perhaps a few lines from me might be welcome I thought I would notify you of my arrival here. I joined the Reg't. yesterday. We are about 7 miles from Alexandria and the same distance from Washington. We lie about 3 miles west of Clouds Mills on the road leading to Fairfax Co. House. I have been assigned to command of "G" Co. and this morning I rec'd. a detail to report with my Company to Division Hdqrs. for Escort duty (soft thing). My Company are now there. I have 30 men with me. 39 men of "C" left for home this morning. they are all that

is left of the company that I came out with. My position at Div. Hdqrs. will undoubtedly be asst. Prov. Marshall but I am not certain yet when I get permanently located. I have not written to Lydia yet but will tonight or tomorrow morning. On my arrival here I found my extension all right and I shall remain in service for some time yet. Can't tell how long. We have a splendid camp here. Will write again very soon.

Aff. your son,

C. T. Van Dusen

Write me at once.

Headquarters 3rd Cavy. Division
June 11th. 1865

Dear Parents,

I promised to write a day or two ago but I have been fixing up and haven't had time. There is no news to write. All I can say is that I am now permanently settled at Divn. Hdqrs. & have been appointed ass't. Prov. Marshal. I have 2 companies of our Reg't. here as Escort numbering 96 men. I am having easy time of it. Nothing much to do, plenty to eat & the general of Divn. Hdqrs. You may wish to know something of Morgan (his horse). When I ret'd. I found him looking very bad. he had been sick, bad humor in his blood. he is improving. The black mare was stolen the day that Lee surrendered & my sorrel mare that Lt. Osborn rode was killed. So that I now have but two horses & two mules. About money matters. I cannot send any before the 1st of July. My mess bill & money I owed my nigger took half I had left when I got back. I will try & meet the payment on or about the 1st of July. The supper bell has rung & I must go. Will keep you posted. Will write Lydia tonight. How is Mary? Love to her.

Aff.

Charley

Address--

Capt. C. T. Van Dusen
A A P M 3rd Cavy. Divn. Hdqrs.
Washington D.C.

Headquarters 3rd Cavy. Division
Near Clouds Mills, June 14th 1865

Dear Parents & Mary,

I have been anxiously looking for a letter from you for some time but none has arrived yet. If I don't hear from you pretty soon I shall stop writing. I havn't recd. a single letter since I arrived here. I am beginning to think my friends have

forgotten me, now that the war is over and there is less anxiety about the soldiers. If the war is over, I am still a soldier, and would like to hear from my friends. I may lead a soldiers life only a few days or a few weeks longer and I may for months. I can't tell. No one knows anything about what is to be done with us. As I am situated now I would like to remain. I am having the easiest kind of times, nothing to do. I have been fixing up my papers & accounts with the government, so in case I should be mustered out I should have no trouble in getting my pay. I shall go to Washington in a few days & try & draw a month's pay. Father—I wish you would write to Gen. Herzberger at once what you wish to have done in regard to the line fence between our lot & Crouch. I would not build a new. fix up the old one for the present. also the front step which was broken by Crosset's cow. it needs a little repairing. When I saw you I told you I thought the Griffith St. Sewer had not been commenced. I found that it had been and was already as far as the corner of Broadway & Griffith Sts. It will probably be completed this season. If you wish to fill up the vacant lot it will be a good opportunity to do so. It will not cost much. If you could only be there and see to it it would be much better. However, if you are doing well in the Machine business, stick to it. Please let me know how you are getting along. With a kind good night, I remain as ever,

Aff.

Charley

Camp 8th N.Y. Cavalry
Rochester, N.Y.
July 2, 1865

Dear friends at home,

I should have written you before but I have been very busy since we arrived here (last Tuesday night) in making out my ordinance & quarter master accounts. so that I might get my pay with the rest. Still I don't know as I shall be able to get my pay here. I may be obliged to go back to Washington & satisfy the Departments that I am not indebted to them before I can get my money. About two thirds of the officers are in the same situation. None of the men have been paid or discharged yet & nothing will be done about it before next Wednesday or Thursday when the Old Men and such of the Recruits as we have Descriptive Lists of will be paid off & mustered out. We have a great many recruits of whom we have no Descriptive Lists & they cannot be mustered out until their Descriptives are obtained from Albany. Which may take a week or two yet.

We are to have a grand time here on the Fourth. Will send you an account of it if it is published. By the way, I forgot to tell you that I have brought Old Morgan & the Nigger home with me & intend to leave them both at Henry's. I have not

got a situation yet but think I shall go into one of the Departments at Washington. Can't tell yet until I see Roswell Hart (our Congressman) who is a particular friend of Col. Benjamin's.

It is Sunday and I am the only officer in camp & I came up to work a little on my papers. All the officers & men were allowed to go home yesterday to return Wednesday A.M. But I must get Morgan out as it will be tea time by the time I get to the Clinton. The old horse attracts a great deal of attention in the streets. Let me hear from you soon, direct to me at the Clinton Hotel. Kind regards to all. Tell Mary she must get well soon now. I am out of the Army.

Affectionately etc.

Charley

Clinton Hotel July 9, 1865

Dear Parents & Sister,

I had begun to despair of ever hearing from you again, but yesterday as I called in Buells, one of the boys told me there was two letters there for me. I got them & found them to be from Father and one from Coz Hattie Soule. The one from Father is dated 25th June. It had been to the Army & back again. The one from Hattie is dated 29th June. They are all well. She is to be married again soon. The folks in Rochester are all well as far as heard from. I have just come from Fowlers. Called there with Kuder. I haven't seen any of the Byron people yet. We shall probably be paid & mustered out on Tuesday or Wednesday & I shall then go up to Hanry's & take Morgan & my Henry. Don't know how long I shall stay there, perhaps a week. I have been talking with Henry Fitch (he has struck oil) about going into the Grocery business. He is quite anxious & if I can get the capital I may go in with him. Ed Burdwell also wants me to go into business with him & buy out a store on Main St. Can't tell yet what I shall do. I may go back to Washington & try & obtain a living by my pen. Whatever it is I must get something to do very soon, for I cannot remain idle. I went to see Munger yesterday but he was not in his office. Will call again tomorrow. Shall see Mrs. Van Derbeck also. Old Spencer still repudiates the \$5.00 which you (Father) paid him. I haven't seen him yet, but George says so. I don't think it would be of any use to try & fill up the lot now for it is all planted & Spencer might make a fuss. Still, if it could be done, it would be better & would not cost much now, for they are at work on the sewer there now. If I make all the payments I shall not have much money left. Still if I can get a place or get into business, I don't care,

for I am bound to have a home, somehow or other. The world owes it to me & I must have it. I have no time to fool away now and I must look out for the future, and why cannot I have a good home as well as others.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Larzere is so kind to you. Do nothing to create displeasure now. Take the very best of care of her place & show her that you appreciate her kindness.

I am very sorry to learn that Mary has had such a bad spell. Hope she is better. I don't see any other way than that I shall have to come up there in two or three weeks, perhaps sooner. I can't tell. I will see how business matters progress here. John is on the lookout for me. I promised to tell you what kind of a time we had here on the Fourth. Well all I can say is that it was a perfect sell & failure. Our Reg't. nor any of the officers did not turn out, but a few of us got together & had a good time generally, firing crackers, torpedoes, etc. I must drop a line to Coz Hattie, so I will close this, with many kind wishes for all and for Mary's speedy recovery now that I am out of the Army.

Affectionately as ever,

Your Son & Brother

Charley

Clinton Hotel.
Rochester, July 18, 1865

Dear Parents & Mary,

Father's letter of the 12th inst. was recd. day before yesterday. I have not engaged in business yet. I have made the payment on the place—\$121.59. Have collected Mrs. Van Derbeck's note. Shall try & see Spencer tomorrow. Was intending to go to Byron tomorrow but cannot go before Tuesday. Shall send my Dark up on the cars & ride Morgan myself. Shall probably remain in Byron about a week & then come to Mich. I may however go to the oil country with John Canfield before coming to Mich. as he wants me to. I should like to engage in business before going home for I can't afford to lie idle. The people here as far as heard from are all well. Have no news to write. Kind regards to all.

Affectionately etc.

Charlie